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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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March 2003 Board of Directors meeting, Kalispell, Montana

Back Row (L-R): Mike McFaul, Mike Polk, Patrick O’Bannon, Jo Reese, Chris Dore, Loretta Lautzenheiser, Dave DeVries, and James Karbula.


Seated (L-R): Lucy Wayne, Duane Peter, and Chad Moffett.
MEMBERS ONLY

In accordance with a board directive, all newsletter articles that contain information related to ACRA business or proprietary information, such as our “Legislative Updates,” will be listed in a separate document that resides on the ACRA website in the MembersOnly area, and in a separate hard-copy supplement for those who receive the newsletter by mail. If the newsletter is opened while connected to the Internet, click on the [click here] link to automatically open these articles. The MembersOnly articles are briefly summarized below.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT pg. 1
2003 President Loretta Lautzenheiser’s last message to the membership reviews the year’s challenges and accomplishments.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR pg. 2
ACRA Executive Director Tom Wheaton reports on the World Archaeology Congress that convened in Washington, D.C., in June.

ACRA MEMBERSHIP SURVEY 2002-2003 pg. 4
ACRA Executive Director Tom Wheaton reports on the results of the members’ questionnaire. Topics covered include hiring projections for the next year; insurance coverage; and what ACRA benefits members like most and least; and improvements for the future.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE pg. 12
Nellie Longsworth keeps the ACRA membership up to date on the latest from Washington, D.C. The latest topics include the following.

- House Transportation Appropriations Committee- a Seesaw Battle to Save the Enhancement Funding
- Transportation in the Senate
- Outsourcing Takes Center Stage - OMB Gives up Quota System
- House Votes out FY04 Interior Appropriations Bill
- Interior Program Gains in Senate Appropriations Committee Markup

Please Note That Both House and Senate Will Be in Recess During the Month of August

ACRA EDUCATION COMMITTEE GENERAL SURVEY SUMMARY pg. 14
David Strohmaier, Historical Research Associates, Inc., summarizes the results of the ACRA Education Committee survey, which solicited feedback on the education needs and priorities of member companies.
CONNECTIONS
Submitted By Chad Moffett, Mead & Hunt, Inc.

Connections, the latest addition to ACRA Edition’s regular columns, is an update of the Liaison Committee’s activities.

Ohio Archaeological Council
Al Tonetti, ASC Group, Inc., reports the Ohio Archaeological Council (OAC) filed an amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief in the Kennewick Man case before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The OAC’s brief focuses on the standards for determining cultural affiliation pursuant to NAGPRA. The brief can be reviewed at www.ohioarchaeology.org. Other activities of the OAC include: coordination of Ohio Archaeology Week 2003 (June 15-23); co-sponsorship of the 21st Annual Symposium on Ohio Valley Urban and Historic Archaeology; participation on the Ohio Historical Society advisory committee to develop a cultural resource management plan for the Newark Earthwork State Memorial; and petition for consulting party status on several Federal undertakings. The OAC awarded a Patricia Essenpreis Research Grant to Robert Cook of the University of Michigan to source clay of pottery sherds from a National Historic Landmark in Dayton, Ohio, using petrographic analysis.

Council for Maryland Archaeology
Jeanne Ward, Applied Archaeology and History Associates, Inc., reports that the Council for Maryland Archaeology is currently working with the Maryland Heritage Alliance to educate audiences across the state, including political leaders, of the impending fiscal problems and how anticipated budget cut-backs may affect cultural resources. The Council meets quarterly. The fall meeting will include a discussion of issues related to curation.

American Society of Landscape Architects
Chad Moffett, Mead & Hunt, Inc., reports that the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) is holding its 2003 Annual Meeting & EXPO on October 30 through November 3, 2003, in New Orleans, Louisiana. ASLA represents the art and science of analysis, planning, design, management, preservation, and rehabilitation of the land. The scope of the profession includes site planning and development, environmental restoration, sustainable design, urban planning, park and recreation planning, regional planning, and historic preservation. Practitioners share a commitment of achieving a balance between preservation, use, and management of the country’s resources.

The ASLA Historic Preservation Professional Interest Group (HP-PI Group) serves as a forum for landscape architects involved in historic preservation to exchange knowledge and information. Serving two primary functions, the HP-PI Group works to disseminate information to landscape architects working in historic preservation and to enhance communication among professionals in the field. Landscape preservation studies and preservation issues are discussed in the group’s newsletter, on their listserv, and during education sessions. As a member of ASLA HP-PI Group, Chad Moffett is working to advance ACRA as a resource and the work of CRM professionals.
The Keith Companies

The Keith Companies (TKC) is pleased to announce that it is now offering cultural resource management services from their Palm Desert, California, office, located at 73-733 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100, Palm Desert, CA 92260-2590. For inquiries, please contact Leslie Mouriquand, M.A., Archaeologist - Environmental Planner at 760-346-9844 or leslie.mouriquand@keithco.com

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NEW OFFICE IN ITHACA, NY


HAA, Inc., established in 1973, is a leader in the field of cultural resource management. Its other offices are located in Albany, Brooklyn, and Rensselaer, NY, and Putney, VT. HAA, Inc., has completed more than 5000 cultural resource studies throughout New York and New England.

“We’re very excited about this new office, as are our colleagues at Cornell University. The firm looks forward to devoting more resources to projects in that part of the state,” said Karen S. Hartgen, MA, RPA, president and principal investigator of HAA, Inc.

Hartgen currently serves as treasurer of the Iroquois Indian Museum and is a board member of the American Cultural Resources Association.
ACRA MEDIUM-SIZE FIRM PROFILES

ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH SERVICES, INC.

Archaeological Research Services, Inc. (ARS), is Arizona’s oldest private archaeological consulting firm. Founded in 1974, ARS provides a full range of cultural resource services, including Class I overviews, Class II and Class III pedestrian surveys, monitoring, archaeological testing and data recovery, historical research, and historic architectural studies and documentation. Specialized staff experience makes ARS particularly notable in the conduct of all types of cultural resource surveys, historic archaeological projects and associated research, and the analysis and interpretation of botanical remains from historic and prehistoric sites. Our main office is centrally located in Tempe, with branch offices in Tucson, Prescott Valley, and Tubac. The firm’s founder and Principal Investigator, Dr. Lyle M. Stone, RPA, is a former President of the Society for Historical Archaeology and a noted authority on the historic archaeology of Arizona.

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CHRISTINE DAVIS CONSULTANTS, INC.

Christine Davis Consultants, Inc. (CDC), is a woman-owned cultural resource management firm founded 19 years ago by President Christine Davis. The firm has completed 800 cultural resource projects in the northeastern United States in the fields of transportation, transit, communications, and development. The CDC team includes specialists in:

- Prehistoric archaeology
- Historic archaeology
- Urban and industrial archaeology
- Historic Structure Surveys
- Historic American Building Survey/Historic American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER)
- Geomorphology
- Ground-penetrating radar and Magnetometer surveys

CDC has conducted numerous complex projects and is dedicated to a proactive approach and creative solutions. Three recent examples include cultural resource studies for PNC Park, Home of the Pittsburgh Pirates, culminating in an award-winning permanent archaeology exhibit. CDC performed the Section 106 studies for the North Shore Connector, a proposed subway beneath the City of Pittsburgh and the Allegheny River. A third project involved the archaeological analysis of the Point State Park National Historic Landmark as part of the park’s Master Plan.

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COASTAL CAROLINA RESEARCH, INC.

Coastal Carolina Research, Inc. (CCR), is a private consulting firm specializing in cultural resources management and archaeological research. CCR enjoys a fine reputation for professional research and on-time delivery of a quality product. The main office is located in the small historic town of Tarboro, North Carolina, and the Virginia office is located in the Petersburg Old Town Historic District. CCR’s personnel have extensive experience in historic research, archaeological and architectural surveys and evaluation, field excavations, recording and analyzing remains in the archaeological record, in historic and prehistoric artifact analysis, and in report preparation.

The woman-owned firm is celebrating its 15th year in business. Since its founding in 1988, CCR has completed over 400 research projects, most requiring compliance with federal and state environmental regulations.

The firm is the 1999 winner of the Federal Highway Administration’s Environmental Excellence Award.

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Mead & Hunt is an employee-owned firm with more than 270 staff in offices nationwide. The firm’s historic preservation group specializes in cultural resource management activities such as historic context development, architectural surveys, historic bridge inventories, National Register Nominations, preservation plans, Section 106 compliance, and mitigation documents. Our preservation staff boasts more than 40 years combined experience in conducting cultural resource investigations. Five members of this staff exceed the Secretary of the Interior’s professional qualification standards for architectural history and/or history.

Mead & Hunt has a solid record of completing projects on time with unparalleled client satisfaction. Our staff welcomes the opportunity to work on multidisciplinary teams, especially as a partner to archaeology firms. For more information, visit us on the web at www.meadhunt.com.

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Geoarcheology Research Associates, Inc. (GRA), is a specialty firm dedicated to providing a broad range of cultural resources and archeological services to both public and private sector agencies. Our primary market is in the domestic development sector—governmental and private—where we apply earth science strategies to determine archeological sensitivity for preservation compliance. Our project areas span the continent and our clients include large CRM firms, as well as primary contracting agencies and development interests. Our secondary market is international, where we co-ordinate large-scale research and management projects in developing nations that are beginning to formulate heritage and conservation programs.

18th century landscape reconstruction of Lower Manhattan

GRA’s unique specialty in the earth sciences stresses innovative strategies and sampling schemes. We believe this is the wave of the future as designers and planners increasingly focus on higher levels of efficiency and imaginative solutions to traditional cultural resources problems. We encourage ACRA member companies to team with us in developing creative, scientific, and cost-efficient strategies in the service of our industry.

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Hardlines Design Company (HDC) is a full-service cultural resources management firm that offers services ranging from archeological data recoveries to new building design. Our diverse staff includes architects, planners, archeologists, historians, interior designers, and mapping specialists. HDC is a woman- and minority-owned firm certified with several federal, state, and local agencies, including several state departments of transportation. Our signature work has been HABS/HAER documentation, which has been published in professional journals and featured in National Park Service manuals and posters. In addition to our own direct agency work, we also support engineering and environmental firms nationwide with cultural resources management services such as architectural history, historic landscape studies, historic building restoration, historic/prehistoric/industrial archeology, remote sensing, and faunal analysis.

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HRA offers the fully integrated services of historians, archaeologists, and architectural historians to fulfill all of our clients’ cultural resources needs. Special services include cultural landscape studies, specialized historical studies, and tribal consultation. We take projects from initial definition of areas of potential effect through background research and field investigations, resource evaluation, determination of project effects, and development and implementation of mitigation and management measures that effectively balance the demands of cultural resource legislation with project needs. These plans have included HABS/HAER recordation of historic resources, development of interpretive signs and other means of public outreach, adaptive reuse of historic properties, development of design guidelines, and suggestion of innovative “mitigation banking” measures.

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MAAR ASSOCIATES, INC.

MAAR Associates, Inc. (MAI), was formed in 1976 to assist clients in meeting their governmental CRM compliance requirements. Since then, it has undertaken over 600 CRM projects and satisfied the needs of clients and the requirements of government agency reviewers in an area stretching from Maine to the U.S. Virgin Islands. MAAR Associates, Inc., operates as a small business and is a member of the American Cultural Resources Association (ACRA). MAI maintains fully equipped office and research facilities in Newark, Delaware; St. Augustine, Florida; and Williamsburg, Virginia. MAI projects are headed by Principal Investigators with full authority and responsibility for the performance of each project. Principal Investigators are certified by the Register of Professional Archaeologists (RPA) and meet the Secretary of the Interior Professional Qualification Standards. Specialties include archaeological research associates, documentary and architectural historians. The MAI support staff includes a report coordinator and editor, graphics illustrators, computer operators/word processors and marketing personnel. Our services have included Phase I, II, and III archaeological investigations; linear and block surveys of historic structures; HABS/HAER recordations; National Register nomination preparation; and multidisciplinary investigations involving geomorphology; soil, faunal and floral analyses; architectural history; and oral history.

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SAGEBRUSH CONSULTANTS, L.L.C.

Sagebrush Consultants, L.L.C. (Sagebrush), established in 1983, is located in Ogden, Utah, and carries out a range of cultural resources services for both private and governmental clients, including prehistoric and historic archaeology, industrial archaeology, history, and architectural and landscape evaluations. Sagebrush provides cultural overviews for major investment studies, archaeological and paleontological surveys, test excavations, mitigation measures, NRHP nominations, as well as compliance assistance for projects involving Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and related legislation. The present staff of 10 has carried out more than 1300 projects in all western states. Sagebrush conducts research and studies in more specialized topical areas of architecture, design landscape, and history. Personnel also have extensive experience in Native American consultation. Further, Sagebrush has completed a number of resource management plans for reservoirs and hydro-electric facilities. Sagebrush research facilities include 4000 square feet of office and laboratory space, extensive research and cartographic libraries, graphic production facility, short-term curation facility and a full range of field equipment for survey and excavation. Specialized research capabilities include historic sites research, evaluations and reporting, historic architectural and engineering structures evaluations, GPS technology and site mapping using total station units. Sagebrush also has in-house large format photographic capability for use in HABS and HAER documentation and similar projects.

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SCI Engineering, Inc. (SCI) is a consulting engineering firm based in the St. Louis, Missouri, metropolitan area. Founded in 1978, the company consists of Construction, Geotechnical, Environmental, Wetland, and Archaeological service groups. The Archaeological Services group conducts projects mainly in Missouri and Illinois, but also Iowa, Nebraska, and Oklahoma in the last 4 years. SCI has project managers that also have conducted archaeological projects in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Offered are the complete line of cultural resource, services including underwater archaeology (management only), architectural history, tribal consultation, and history projects. No project is too large or too small. We specialize in multiple group projects and our diverse services offer clients the opportunity for one-stop shopping, and cutting time and expenses from their projects.

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ACRA’s Members-Only Listserver

ACRA now has an online discussion group just for members. “MembersOnly” is a listserver that operates much the same way as ACRA-L, with the exception that it is only available to ACRA members. Its purpose is to offer the board, members, and the executive director a venue to share the latest news from ACRA; promote dialogue between members on current issues; and enable members to post announcements or inquiries.

To subscribe to the list, a member must contact ACRA’s Executive Director, Tom Wheaton. Once you have supplied Tom with your e-mail address, he will subscribe you to this list. Contact Tom at 770-498-5159 or e-mail: tomwheaton@newsouthassoc.com.

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