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NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS

Minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting

March 15, 2006

Hyatt Regency Bethesda, Bethesda MD

Call to Order

President Jay D. Vogt called the meeting to order at 9:07am EST

Roll Call of the States

Secretary Ruth Pierpont read the Roll Call of the States. The following members were present: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Members not present: District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Northern Marianas Islands, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and the Virgin Islands.

A list of registrants is attached to these minutes.

Announcements

President Jay D. Vogt reported that this year's conference had 206 people representing 47 states and 3 territories.

Minutes

James Hamrick moved, Ray Luce seconded, and the membership unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2005, Annual Membership Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jim McConaha reported that the NCSHPO had a clean audit in 2005 and noted that the auditors complimented Sharon Smith, the NCSHPO Business Manager, for doing an excellent job in her first audit.

2006 marks the second year in a row that the NCSHPO has 100% dues paid. The NCSHPO stayed within their 2005 budget as income and expenses were close to projections.

The Treasurer concluded by noting that the NCSHPO Investment Committee is currently interviewing several new potential money managers.

Merl Paaverud moved, Kak Slick seconded and the membership voted to accept the Treasurer's report.

President's Report

President Jay D. Vogt noted that 2006 is the 40th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act and the NCSHPO is participating in several programs planned to highlight and celebrate it.

Economics Research Associates (ERA) completed their report. The original intent was to analyze the costs to the federal government in the Section 106 process of under-funding the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), quantify these costs, and use the study as a basis to get full funding. The findings prove that SHPOs are undertaking Section 106 reviews in an efficient manner and the NCSHPO has a report from an outside source that indicates this. The report presents quantifiable data that can counter the anecdotal data critical of the 106 process offered by federal agencies.

The President has been serving on three Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) task forces – Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), affordable housing, and archaeology.

The ACHP, specifically Chairman John L. Nau, III, was instrumental in securing \$3million in the President's third Emergency Supplemental Budget request to assist the SHPOs in the states affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The President thanked the ACHP.

The President indicated that he will be meeting with Fran Mainella, the Director of the National Park Service, in May of 2006 to discuss the future of funding for SHPOs.

The NCSHPO will be undertaking their 3-year strategic planning session this summer at the Board of Directors meeting. Vice President Cathie Matthews will lead the NCSHPO in this endeavor.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Update

Robert Collins thanked all of the SHPOs who have offered their support and help since the hurricanes and informed the membership of the progress of the recovery efforts.

Elizabeth Brown did a brief presentation of photographs taken by children following the hurricanes.

NCSHPO Task Force Reports

Administrative Task Force

Report submitted by Jay D. Vogt prior to the meeting. See Task Force Reports Appendix.

Rehabilitation Tax Credit Task Force

Report submitted by Jim Garrison prior to the meeting. See Task Force Reports Appendix.

Jim Garrison noted that task force met during the 2006 Annual Meeting. The NCSHPO issued a report to the National Park Service (NPS) in July 2003 on ways to improve the tax credit program. The National Park System Advisory Board appointed a committee to review the program and the Standards for Rehabilitation. Former NCSHPO President Ted Sanderson represents the NCSHPO. This committee met in October and December of 2005 and their draft report is pending. The NCSHPO had 14 items proposed for revision and the task force will be working on the 8 items identified in his task force report.

He concluded by stating that he is still looking for examples of problematic tax credit review projects from SHPOs.

National Park Service (NPS) Programmatic Agreement (PA) Task Force
Report submitted by Jon Smith prior to the meeting. See Task Force Reports Appendix.

Homeland Security Task Force

Allyson Brooks indicated that the goal of the task force is to work with the Department of Homeland Security to establish procedures for emergency management and data transfer. The task force met with Homeland Security representatives during the 2006 Annual Meeting and Allyson Brooks iterated 4 outcomes of the meeting: 1) Homeland Security suggested that the SHPOs advocate for a line item in the Homeland Security budget that will result in all of the states being equal in terms of GIS and digitization efforts; 2) SHPOs should seriously consider applying for state preparedness grants; 3) Homeland Security, the SHPOs and the National Park Service should coordinate efforts to digitize base line GIS information on historic properties, 4) Data should be stored in an accessible location, such as at FEMA, to be easily accessible during and/or after an emergency or disaster.

Heritage Tourism Task Force

Report submitted by Elizabeth Hughes prior to the meeting. See Task Force Reports Appendix.

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Programmatic Agreement (PA) Task Force

Report submitted by Alice Baldrice prior to the meeting. See Task Force Reports Appendix.

Kak Slick noted that the ACHP is working to hire a BLM federal agency liaison and that the ACHP is not working on a revised programmatic agreement. SHPOs should focus on improving protocols.

NCSHPO Working Group Reports

ACHP Western Office Closure Working Group

Judy Bittner reported that the western SHPOs met with the ACHP during the 2006 Annual Meeting. The group is working on identifying the appropriate “go to” person on the ACHP staff, staggering hours to deal with the time difference, providing complete contact information, and indicating agency liaison’s job descriptions.

Easements Working Group

Report submitted by Kathleen Kilpatrick prior to the meeting. See Task Force Reports Appendix.

Wildlands Fire Working Group

Report submitted by Suzi Neitzel prior to the meeting. See Task Force Reports Appendix.

National Trust for Historic Preservation

Emily Wadhams, the Vice President for Public Policy, indicated that the National Trust is working on a state advocacy building project in conjunction with the Statewide and Local Partners and five states – Alabama, Montana, Michigan, Oklahoma and Virginia – were recently awarded grants to undertake this. The goal of the project is to create statewide organizations that are better advocates for historic preservation policy, and build networks.

Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director expressed her thanks to the membership for their gift presented at Tuesday's banquet. She also led the membership in a heart-felt round of applause for Elizabeth Szufnar, Assistant Director, for putting on such a successful annual meeting.

The Executive Director requested that Franco Ruffini to briefly describe his meeting with Representative Mike Turner. He noted that Representative Turner does not believe that there is enough support in the House of Representatives to pass the "discussion draft" that was put forth by the Resources Committee, National Parks Subcommittee in April of 2005. Representative Turner also indicated he might bring S.1378 (reauthorization of the Historic Preservation Fund) to a vote on the House floor in the very near future.

The Executive Director reiterated the current plans to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act including: 1) a Celebration Across America for the weekend of October 15, 2006; 2) a series of invitation-only conferences organized by the ACHP; and 3) the "finish" the survey concept.

The NCSHPO will be undertaking their 3-year strategic planning session this summer at the Board of Directors meeting, so the Executive Director encouraged the membership to focus on where the NCSHPO's been, what we're doing, and where we'd like to go in the coming years.

Nominating Committee Report

The President reported that Allyson Brooks and Jim Garrison have served their maximum of two two-year terms and Dorothy Guzzo has completed her term. The NCSHPO acknowledged their service with certificates of appreciation.

The President served as the chair of the Nominating Committee and presented the following slate:

Officers

To serve a one-year term, term to expire in 2007

Secretary: Ruth Pierpont, New York Deputy SHPO, completing one year of the vacancy created by the resignation of Lisa Burcham, former District of Columbia DSHPO

Directors

To serve a first two-year term, term to expire in 2008

Wayne Donaldson, California SHPO, first two-year term
Merl Paaverud, North Dakota SHPO, first two-year term
James Hamrick, OR Deputy SHPO, first two-year term
David Morgan, Kentucky SHPO, first two-year term
Jean Cutler, Pennsylvania Deputy SHPO, first two-year term
Larry Oaks., Texas SHPO, first two-year term

To serve a one-year term, term to expire in 2007

Michael Stevens, Wisconsin SHPO

Kak Slick moved, Ray Luce seconded, and the membership unanimously voted to accept the report of the Nominating Committee.

Upcoming Meetings

The Assistant Director noted that the Summer Board of Directors meeting will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Fall Board of Directors meeting will take place in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in conjunction with the National Trust for Historic Preservation meeting.

Milward Simpson, the Wyoming Administrator of Cultural Resources, invited the NCSHPO to Wyoming in 2007.

Adjournment

President Jay D. Vogt adjourned the meeting at 10:51am EST.

Elizabeth A. Szufnar, Assistant Director for Ruth Pierpont, Secretary

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Task Force Reports for the Annual Membership Meeting
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ADMINISTRATION STRATEGY TASK FORCE

Members: Jay D. Vogt, SD, Chair; Ted Sanderson, RI; Larry Oaks, TX; and Ruth Pierpont, NY

Purpose: Increase the visibility of the national preservation program and the Historic Preservation Fund appropriation for the States with the Administration.

Although the task force did not meet, the Board of Directors ended the contractual relationship with BKSH & Associates, because they were unable to increase the Historic Preservation Fund appropriation in the Administration's budget.

Independent Strategy

1. The NCSHPO President will meet in the spring of 2006 with the Director of the National Park Service or the Associate Director for Cultural Resources of the National Park Service to discuss the FY2008 appropriation for SHPOs.
2. The NCSHPO President will coordinate with the Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation on the approaches for the FY2008 appropriation for SHPOs.

APPROPRIATIONS TASK FORCE

Members: Cathie Matthews, AR, Chair; Franco Ruffini, OH; Ray Luce, GA; Elizabeth Hughes, MD; Judy Bittner, AK; Terry Colley, TX; David Morgan, KY

Purpose: to work with SHPOs, particularly ones with Appropriators, to contact their members of Congress to increase the Historic Preservation Fund in the federal budget

The timeline for this task force must be fluid because of the nature of its work. As the Administration and Congress put forth their appropriations numbers, this task force will respond accordingly and continue to press for increased funding of the HPF.

RESOURCES TASK FORCE

Members: Dorothy Guzzo, NJ, Chair; Wayne Donaldson, CA

Purpose: to work with SHPOs, particularly ones with key members, to contact Congress about non-appropriations historic preservation issues.

No report provided.

HERITAGE TOURISM TASK FORCE

Members: Elizabeth Hughes, MD, Chair; Lisa Burcham, DC; Wilson Martin, UT; Larry Oaks, TX; Kak Slick, NM; Jon Smith, IN

Purpose: Develop the “critical path” for achieving the goal of positioning SHPOs as leaders or significant partners in the tourism and travel industry with Congress, federal and state agencies, and private sector partners.

The following report summarizes progress on those Heritage Tourism Task Force action items outlined in the report presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting. The most notable development over the past year has been the development and submittal of a Preserve America grant by the Michigan SHPO in collaboration with NCSHPO. If funded, this project will address the Task Force’s interest in documenting SHPO heritage tourism programs and best practices models and sharing that information on the NCSHPO website. NCSHPO’s Assistant Director Elizabeth Szufnar and the Michigan SHPO’s Preservation Planner Amy Arnold deserve special recognition for their work on this grant application.

Also of interest in 2005 was the Cultural and Heritage Tourism Summit which brought together more than 350 delegates representing all 50 states to create a national strategy for the cultural and heritage tourism industry. The Summit was presented by the U.S. Department of Commerce/Tourism Industries and the President’s Committee on the Arts and Humanities and celebrated the 10th anniversary of the historic White House Conference on Travel and Tourism. One of the outcomes of the summit was a *Position Paper on Cultural and Heritage Tourism in the United States* (available at www.culturalheritagetourism.org) which states may wish to use to guide their actions.

Looking ahead to the fall of 2006, the Task Force expects to work with the National Park Service Office of Tourism on development of a strategic plan that will guide the Office’s tourism efforts. More information on this project is expected to be disseminated via the NCSHPO list serv and at the fall Board meeting.

Products:

1. *Create a heritage tourism tool kit geared towards SHPO partners.*

Potential Funding Source: Preserve America grant to SHPO provided funding is available in FY06.

Status: A Preserve America grant application entitled *Heritage Tourism RoadMap for SHPOs and a Michigan Model* has been submitted by the Michigan SHPO. Developed collaboratively by NCSHPO staff and Michigan SHPO staff, this project is designed to: 1) develop best practices models for SHPOs to use to establish a heritage tourism program in their state; and 2) document the creation of a prototype in Michigan for inclusion in the best practices models. If funded, the project will be conducted in partnership between thirteen local communities, the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (MISHPO), the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO), the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries (DHAL), the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth’s Travel Michigan, and the Michigan Department of Transportation. The *Heritage Tourism RoadMap* component of the project will assist NCSHPO in reviewing, documenting, and evaluating

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existing heritage tourism programs and developing best practices models for SHPOs which will be made available to the SHPOs on the NCSHPO website.

2. *Assess what SHPOs are doing in the area of heritage tourism currently and analyze where SHPOs can bring added value.*
Potential Funding Source: It may be possible to accomplish this information sharing item at no cost via an electronic survey created by the Task Force provided that states can be relied upon to respond.
Status: The Task Force began surveying SHPOs electronically in the summer of 2005. Relevant portions of the resultant data have been forwarded to the National Trust for Historic Preservation web site (www.culturalheritagetourism.org) and will be placed on the heritage tourism section of the NCSHPO website once it is live. To date, respondents have included AZ, AR, CO, FL, IL, IA, KS, MD, MS, NJ, NM, NC, ND, PA, SD, VA, and WI.
3. *Develop SHPO heritage tourism best practices or case studies.*
Potential Funding Source: Preserve America grant to SHPO.
Status: See item 1.
4. *Adopt tourism principles.*
Potential Funding Source: NA
Status: It's recommended that this item be dropped from the Task Force agenda.

Partnerships:

1. *Work closely with ACHP on the Preserve America initiative.*
Status: Ongoing by NCSHPO staff.
2. *Continue to participate in Partners in Tourism (PIT).*
Status: NCSHPO staff attend these meetings on an ongoing basis. Elizabeth Hughes (MD), Kerri Post (Visit Florida), and Susan Wilcox (CA Tourism Commission) participate as rotating state representatives.
3. *Serve on Advisory Committee for the Cultural and Heritage Tourism Summit*
Status: The Cultural and Heritage Tourism Summit was held in Washington DC in the fall of 2005. One of the products of the Summit was *The Position Paper on Cultural and Heritage Tourism*. This planning document is designed to help states put strategies in place to expand and sustain cultural and heritage tourism. Jon Smith of Indiana will address the October 2005 Heritage Tourism Summit at the NCSHPO Annual Meeting Wednesday morning membership meeting. Note that Partners in Tourism will serve as the steward for implementing a national strategy and a form for communication and information on developments in the field in advancing the goals of the Summit.
4. *Learn from NATHPO's experience in the area of heritage tourism.*
Status: This is a SHPO self-study item. The NATHPO toolkit can be found at <http://www.nathpo.org/Toolkit/NATHPO.pdf>
5. *Explore collaboration opportunities with the Council of the Americans for the Arts "State Arts Action Network."*
Status: None have been identified to date.
6. *Seek opportunities to educate state and local elected officials through their national organizations.*
Status: No activity.

HERITAGE TOURISM TASK FORCE continued

7. *Work with the National Park Service Director of Tourism to identify areas of common interest.*
Status: Dean Reeder assumed the duties of managing the NPS Office of Tourism on September 6, 2005. Over the next few months, he expects to begin to undertake development of a strategic plan that will guide the Office's tourism efforts. This strategic plan process is expected to be broadly based and inclusive, insuring that participation by the people and groups who might be expected to work on plan execution, both internally and externally. He hopes to convene the NTC (National Tourism Council) this summer for a facilitated planning summit. This will lay out the strategic plan framework, which when in place will allow NPS to seek and compile input from stakeholders – including SHPOs. More information on this project is expected to be disseminated via the NCSHPO list serv and at the fall Board meeting.

8. *Explore opportunities to partner directly with the Travel Industry Association and the National Council of State Travel Directors.*
Status: No partnership opportunities with TIA have been identified. Elizabeth Hughes has a call scheduled with Todd Davidson, Chair of the National Council of State Travel Directors on March 7th to discuss collaboration opportunities between SHPOs and STOs.

Needs

1. *Standardized formula for measuring return on investment.*
Status: The National Trust's Rural Heritage Development Initiative to work with two rural pilot regions in Kentucky and Arkansas over a three-year period on tourism-related economic development strategies includes a return on investment measurement component which will be undertaken by the firm Public Sector Consultants from Lansing, MI. A meeting with the consultant took place in the fall at the NTHP offices in Washington, DC to develop an initial outline of performance indicators. PSC will begin working with the communities' field reps to finalize these indicators in the spring of 2006 and begin setting up tracking mechanisms for them. It is hoped that this exercise might substitute for or at least inform any ROI activities that NCSHPO may wish to lead in the future.

2. *Access to training for heritage tourism development specialists.*
Status: The National Trust for Historic Preservation web site (www.culturalheritagetourism.org) maintains an up to date list of heritage tourism training opportunities. With that in mind, it would seem that NCSHPO activities in this regard would be duplicative.

HOMELAND SECURITY TASK FORCE

Members: Allyson Brooks, WA, Chair; Wayne Donaldson, CA; Kathleen Kilpatrick, VA; Susan Pierce, WV; Ruth Pierpont, NY

Purpose:

The task force is meeting with the Department of Homeland Security during the NCSHPO Annual Meeting.

REHABILITATION TAX CREDIT IMPROVEMENTS TASK FORCE

Members: Jim Garrison, AZ, Chair; James Hamrick, OR; David Morgan, KY; Larry Oaks, TX; Ruth Pierpont, NY; Brona Simon, MA

Purpose:

The Rehabilitation Tax Credit Improvements Task Force is working on the following issues in conjunction with the Technical Preservation Services, National Park Service:

1. Request for examples of projects that required changes even though the state felt they already minimally met the standards.
2. List of training courses related to project review.
3. List of future “Interpreting the Standards” bulletin topics that need to be addressed.
4. Consolidation of Rehabilitation version of the Standards with the Grants version of the Standards (36CFR67 vs 36CFR38).
5. Insure guidance material references are to rehabilitation not restoration
6. Move to a more formal expedited or facilitated review process.
7. Guidelines for owners seeking preliminary review.
8. Potential benefits of using a Character Defining Features Check-list

The Task Force is currently addressing issues 5 and 8 and hopes to address all issues by the end of April 2006. The Task Force is meeting on March 12, 2006 during the NCSHPO Annual Meeting.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT TASK FORCE

Members: Jon Smith, IN, Chair; Judy Bittner, AK; Jim Garrison, AZ; Ken P’Pool, MS

Purpose: The NPS/NCSHPO Programmatic Agreement Task Force is charged with negotiating, drafting, and implementing an active programmatic agreement between the two organizations

- The National Park Service (NPS) has identified development of a new agreement as a priority to ensure full consideration of the requirements and procedures of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's (ACHP) revised regulations.
- The development effort will be undertaken in partnership with others, led by a multi-organizational task force, comprised of anticipated signatories to a new agreement. Signatories include the NPS, the NCSHPO and the ACHP. In addition, the NPS intends to identify appropriate tribal signatories whose jurisdictions and interests overlap with NPS park lands.
- The NPS/NCSHPO Programmatic Agreement Task Force held an initial planning meeting in August 2005 to solicit input on the strategy for development of the agreement and public outreach. In addition to the task force, invited participants to this meeting included the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the United South and Eastern Tribes, and the National Congress of American Indians.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT TASK FORCE continued

Invited, but unable to participate, were the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers and the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians.

- As a result of the meeting, a consultation strategy is being developed, which will include an informational mailing to tribes and potential interested parties, including an invitation to participate in the development process.
- Based upon the response received to the mailing, the NPS/NCSHPO Programmatic Agreement Task Force will develop a schedule for consultation meetings with Tribes and interested parties; these meetings will strive to take advantage of existing meetings, such as regional Tribal meetings, the annual NCSHPO meeting, etc.
- The NPS/NCSHPO Programmatic Agreement Task Force agreed that PEPC should be utilized to keep task force members, NPS regions and parks and the public informed of the progress of this effort; “Programmatic Agreement Task Force” has been added to PEPC (Project ID 13356).

The NPS has developed a proposed timeline.

JANUARY 2005

- WASO E-mail information packet to all task force members

FEBRUARY 2005

- February 27 – March 2: NCSHPO Annual Meeting in DC: WASO meet with ACHP and NCSHPO to discuss strategy and role of NCSHPO task force members

APRIL 2005

- April 19: Kick-off conference call (NPS participants only)
- WASO circulate meeting notes for concurrence of task force

AUGUST – DECEMBER 2005

- August 17: TASK FORCE MEETING in DC
- WASO develop consultation strategy based on meeting
- WASO circulate meeting notes and consultation strategy for concurrence of task force
- WASO develop Tribal and interested party mailing lists
- WASO prepare an informational mailing to Tribes and interested parties, including an invitation to participate in the development process

JANUARY - JUNE 2006

- Conduct consultation meetings with Tribes and interested parties (locations, invitees, number of meetings, etc. TBD based on response to mailing)

JULY 2006

- WASO develop “key components” (format and content) discussion paper based upon Tribal and interested party consultations
- WASO circulate discussion paper to all task force members for concurrence

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT TASK FORCE continued

AUGUST 2006

- WASO circulate discussion paper to all task force members, Tribes and interested parties for comment
- WASO develop 1st draft of PA

SEPTEMBER 2006

- WASO circulate 1st draft of PA to task force members
- WASO revise PA based on comments received

NOVEMBER 2006

- WASO circulate 2nd draft of PA to task force members, Tribes and interested parties

JANUARY – MAY 2007

- Conduct consultation meetings with Tribes and interested parties on Draft PA
- Publish Draft PA in Federal Register
- WASO revise PA draft based on comments received

JUNE – AUGUST 2007

- WASO circulate 3rd draft of PA to task force members, Tribes and interested parties for comment
- Publish “Final” PA in Federal Register
- WASO revise PA based on comments received

SEPTEMBER 2007

- WASO Staff Final PA

NOVEMBER 2007

- Execution of Final PA at ACHP Quarterly Meeting

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT TASK FORCE

Members: Alice Baldrice, NV, Chair ; Judy Bittner, AK; James Hamrick, OR; Wayne Donaldson, CA; Suzi Neitzel, ID; Mark Baumler, MT; Kak Slick, NM; Wilson Martin, UT; Claudia Nissley, WY

Purpose: The BLM PA Task Force will determine whether there are problems with the existing nationwide agreement between NCSHPO, BLM and the Advisory Council, and suggest solutions. Second, because the Advisory Council has targeted the BLM PA for revision sometime in the future, the recommendations/solutions of the NCSHPO can be used in this revision process.

The following actions were taken following the submission of the report from the BLM Task Force for NCSHPO on August 23, 2005. At that time, the BLM Task Force requested that the NCSHPO Board of Directors adopt the Task Force recommendations. The Board of Directors adopted the report and the report’s recommendations. These recommendations included sending a letter to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) requesting:

- The ACHP create a BLM liaison position at the ACHP similar to the position created by the Department of Agriculture;
- Situating the newly created liaison position in the Western U.S.; and
- The ACHP make a priority of the review of the original 1997 PA with BLM.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT TASK FORCE

A letter was sent to John Fowler, Executive Director of the ACHP on October 5, 2005 (see attachment). To date, a response has not been received.

Individual members of the BLM Task Force have reported that they have been conferring with their counterparts at the BLM to initiate changes within individual protocols to address concerns expressed in the report presented to the NCSHPO Board of Directors in August 2005. Those same reporting members have also asked if the ACHP has responded to our request to review the nationwide PA because they are eager to re-examine some of the provisions of the PA.

The BLM Task Force stands ready to work with other consulting parties to amend the existing PA. No further actions are anticipated until NCSHPO receives a response to the letter sent to the ACHP. Because over 6 months has passed since the letter was sent, is requested from the NCSHPO Board of Directors on further actions to elicit a written response from the ACHP stating its intentions regarding a proposal to amend the nationwide PA.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION EASEMENTS WORKING GROUP

Member: Kathleen Kilpatrick, VA, Chair

The week of March 6, 2006, Congress will conference the annual tax reconciliation bill. The Senate version includes a number of conservation and charitable reforms that are generally acceptable to the environmental and preservation communities. The one exception is contradictory and confusing language related to non-building structures and land areas within historic districts. Otherwise, the reform package reflects the work of more than a year to promote a measured and targeted response to highlighted abuses and retain the strength of an important land preservation tool. Salient reform provisions include:

- disallowance of simple façade easements;
- certification of holding organizations to ensure adequate resources and monitoring;
- enhanced substantiation of the value of a donation;
- enhanced documentation of easement restrictions;
- institution of a filing fee of \$500 for easements valued at more than 3% of the value of a property or \$10,000 to allow for increased IRS review;
- penalties for over-valued appraisals; and
- professional standards for appraisers.

The House of Representatives version of the tax reconciliation bill does not address these issues in consideration of Representative William Thomas', Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee, belief that that bill is not the appropriate vehicle. Instead, the Senate reforms, plus a fix for the ambiguous language noted previously, are addressed in a bill introduced by Representative Phil English. The English bill is the product of close work with the environmental and preservation communities, and is intended to provide a House marker for bill conferencing purposes.

WILDLAND FIRE MONITORING WORKING GROUP

Member: Suzi Neitzel, ID, Chair

It has been a quiet year for activities associated with Wildland Fire. The guidance, prepared in lieu of a national, multi-agency Programmatic Agreement (PA), is being edited and plans are still to post it on the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) website. The guidance provides modules on cultural resources issues related to (1) Fire Management Plans; (2) Prescribed Burns; (3) Wildland Fire; and (4) Rehabilitation. It includes sample

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language for documents like Fire Management Plans, PAs, etc., and provides some great hands-on advice to cultural resource folks working on fire. This information, however, is not posted online already, but it is available on CD. If interested, please contact Suzi Neitzel.

The Cultural Resource Advisory Group (CRAG) to NIFC has not met in the past year and the status of that group is unknown. The last activity that occurred was that the agency members were working on a charter for CRAG. Suzi Neitzel was attending as a representative of the NCSHPO.

2006 NCSHPO ANNUAL MEETING

List of Registrants

Last Name	First Name	Title	State/Organization/Agency
Banks	David		National Park Service
Barrett	Brenda	National Coordinator, National Heritage Areas	National Park Service
Besebes	Meked	Assistant Ethnographer	Palau
Bittner	Judith	SHPO	Alaska
Bloomberg	Britta	DSHPO	Minnesota
Boland	Beth	Heritage Education Services	National Park Service
Bridges	Sarah	Federal Preservation Officer	USDA - NRCS
Brooks	Allyson	SHPO	Washington
Brown	Elizabeth Ann	DSHPO	Alabama
Brown	Megan	Grants Management Specialist	National Park Service
Burns	John	Acting Assistant Director	National Park Service
Cassady	Jane	Manager	Georgia
Catlin	Martha	Program Analyst	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Colley	Terry	DSHPO	Texas
Collins	Robert	DSHPO	Louisiana
Conway	Brian	SHPO	Michigan
Conway	Sharon	Director	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Copping	Suzanne	Assistant Coordinator, National Heritage Areas	NCSHPO/NPS
Corson	Dan	Intergovernmental Services Director	Colorado
Corson	Sharyn		Colorado
Crow	Jeffrey J.	SHPO	North Carolina
Cutler	Jean	DSHPO	Pennsylvania
Donahue	Mary	Survey and Grants Director	Connecticut
Donaldson	Milford Wayne	SHPO	California
Draeger	Jim	DSHPO	Wisconsin
Eddins	John	Historic Preservation Specialist	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Edmonds	Mary W.	DSHPO	South Carolina
Eldredge	Patricia	President	Ohio Historical Society
Epstein	Mark	Department Head	Ohio
Farrar	Bill		
Fowler	John	Executive Director	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Garrison	Jim	SHPO	Arizona
Gibber	Jere	Executive Director	National Preservation Institute
Gonzalez	Karen	DSHPO	Puerto Rico
Grunewald	Ken	DSHPO	Arkansas
Guerber	Steve	SHPO	Idaho
Guzzo	Dorothy	DSHPO	New Jersey
Hamrick	James	DSHPO	Oregon
Hernstein	Linda	Board of Trustees	Ohio
Hansen	Chris	Historic Preservation Specialist	Utah
James	Ronald	SHPO	Nevada
James	Susan	Historian	Nevada
Jensen	Cory	National Register Coordinator	Utah
Kaiser	Melissa	Grants Manager	Montana
Kilpatrick	Kathleen S.	SHPO	Virginia
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