



## NV SHPO NAMED TO NPS ADVISORY BOARD

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar has appointed 12 new members to the National Park System Advisory Board, including SHPOdom’s very own Ron James. In a recent press release, Senate Majority Leader, Harry Reid (D-NV) had this to say.....

“I’m pleased that Nevada will be represented at a national level on this 12-member board,” Reid said. “Throughout his career, Ron has shown his commitment to preserving Nevada’s history and heritage. I’m confident that he’ll continue to protect Nevada’s and our nation’s parks during his term on the National Park System Advisory Board.”

The National Park System Advisory Board was first authorized in 1935 under the Historic Sites, Buildings, and Antiquities Act. The Board advises the Director of the National Park Service and the Secretary of the Interior on matters relating to the National Park Service, the National Park System, and programs administered by the National Park Service, including the administration of the Historic Sites, Buildings, and Antiquities Act; the designation of national historic landmarks and national natural landmarks; and the national historic significance of proposed national historic trails.

Members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior for terms not to exceed four years. The new appointees are:

- Paul Bardacke, Senior Partner, Sutin, Thayer & Browne, PC, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Leonore Blitz, President, Leonore Blitz Consultants, Ltd., Washington, DC
- Prof. Linda Bilmes, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- Hon. Judy Burke, Mayor of Grand Lake, Colorado, Grand Lake, CO
- Milton Chen, PhD, Executive Director, The George Lucas Foundation, Nicasio, CA
- Rita Colwell, PhD, University of Maryland, College Park, MD
- Belinda Faustinos, Executive Officer, San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountain Conservancy, Azusa, CA
- Carolyn Finney, PhD, Assistant Professor, University of California, Berkeley, CA
- Ronald James, Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer, Carson City, NV
- Hon. Tony Knowles, Former Governor of Alaska, Anchorage, AK

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Gretchen Long, Board Member, World Resources Institute, Wilson, WY  
Margaret Wheatley, EdD, Board President, Emeritus, The Berkana Institute, Provo, UT



### **WASHINGTON SHPO OFFICE AWARD FINALIST**

The American Council for Technology recently announced its 2010 Intergovernmental Solution Awards finalists which included the Washington SHPO's Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data (WISAARD). The IT projects had to meet strict criteria that demonstrated collaboration between two or more government agencies, and innovative use of technology to improve citizen service delivery. The 2010 theme for the conference is 30 Years of Collaboration. The winners will be announced at its annual Management of Change Conference being held May 23-25<sup>th</sup> in Philadelphia.  
Good Luck WA!



### **PRESERVATION ACTION MEMBER RELEASES TAX CREDIT ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY**

With H.R. 3715, the Community Restoration and Revitalization Act, and H.R. 3670, the Historic Homeowners Revitalization Act introduced and offering important alternatives to the existing federal rehabilitation tax credit program, Preservation Action member Philip Estep of St. Louis, Missouri has prepared a report designed to illustrate the potential economic impacts of the legislation.

The study uses detailed analytics from the successful Missouri Tax Credit program which served as the basis for much of the proposed bills. It further draws from Federal Historic Tax Credit data from the NPS and IMPLAN analysis – an economic impact projection sys-

tem. Among the conclusions drawn is that the existing tax credit program is revenue neutral (meaning it generates as much federal tax revenue as it costs), and that some expansions to the credit would have little or no additional impact. The executive summary and full report can be downloaded from Preservation Action's website – [www.preservationaction.org](http://www.preservationaction.org)  
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### **MORAN BILL PROVIDES FUNDING FOR PRESERVATION**

On Tuesday, the House National Parks subcommittee held a legislative hearing on several bills including H.R. 2986, The National Capitol Region Land Conservation Act of 2009, introduced by Rep. James Moran (D-VA), Chairman of the House Interior appropriations subcommittee.

The legislation would authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the NPS, to make grants to Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia and their political subdivisions for assistance to acquire lands and interests that affect, or are within, the National Capital region and will be used for: (1) parks; (2) open space; (3) green space corridors that link public lands, lands subject to conservation restrictions, or a combination of such lands; (4) agriculture; (5) forests; (6) fish and wildlife habitat; (7) watershed protection; (8) **historic preservation**; (9) sensitive environmental area protection; and (10) public recreation. Grants would be limited to 50% of the total cost of the acquisition the grant will assist, including costs related to purchase price, appraisal, survey, title clearance, and closing.

Katherine Stevenson, Assistant Director Business Services, testified on behalf of the National Park Service. She

stated that the NPS supports the mission of the bill but is concerned that it would duplicate current programs and that the Administration wants to explore incorporating this proposal into the Great Outdoors America initiative.

Rep. Moran testified on the importance of maintaining green infrastructure in the capitol region. He stated "What would be the national monument without the green space of the National Mall?" He also expressed concern that "less and less land (will be) available for future generations."

A companion measure, S.1525, was introduced by Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD).

### UPCOMING HOUSE MARK-UP

On Wednesday, the House Committee on Natural Resources will meet in open markup session to consider the following bills:

**H.R. 4349** (Napolitano): To further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes. "*Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2009*"

**H.R. 2889** (DeFazio): To modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, and for other purposes. "*Oregon Caves National Monument Boundary Adjustment Act of 2009*"

**H.R. 4438** (Ciro Rodriguez): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to lease space from a nonprofit group or other government entity for a park headquarters

at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to expand the boundary of the Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes. "*San Antonio Missions National Historical Park Leasing and Boundary Expansion Act of 2010*"

**H.R. 4491** (Speier): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes. "*Buffalo Soldiers in the National Parks Study Act*"

**H.R. 4493** (Bordallo): To provide for the enhancement of visitor services, fish and wildlife research, and marine and coastal resource management on Guam related to the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, and for other purposes. "*Bonitan Tasi*" or "*Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Management Enhancement Act of 2010*"

**H.R. 3511** (Sablan): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish and operate a visitor facility to fulfill the purposes of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, and for other purposes. "*Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Visitor Facility Authorization Act of 2009*"

**H.RES. 1254** (Doc Hastings): Directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit to the House of Representatives certain information relating to the Secretary's Treasured Landscape Initiative, potential designation of National Monuments, and High Priority Land-Rationalization Efforts.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 28-30, 2010 – NCSHPO Summer Board Meeting, Grand Rapids, MI  
November 10-13, 2010 – NCSHPO Winter Board Meeting, San Diego, CA

