

# Alaska Anthropological Association Newsletter



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## President's Message

*Polly Wheeler*

As (yet) another year draws to a close, I'd like to take the opportunity to reflect on what the past year has meant for the Association. Overall, it has been a good year for the Association. We had a fabulous meeting in Kodiak, with 200 people registering (a substantial number, especially given that meetings outside of Anchorage tend to be smaller). Attendees were offered one pre-conference workshop, 13 sessions with 108 papers, nine posters, a variety of panel discussions, and two catered meals with keynote addresses. There were also five catered receptions (three hosted by the conference and two by other organizations), a bookroom, two Alaska Native dance performances, an archaeological site tour, two business meetings, and a Belzoni Society meeting associated with the conference.

Another highlight was the publication of Volume 3, Nos. 1 and 2 of the journal. The former featured papers from the 30th anniversary celebration of the meetings, and the latter featured a series of articles on the Arctic Small Tool Tradition. Our individual and institutional subscribers are increasing, though more work remains to be done in that arena. Our editor, Owen Mason, assistant editor, Ken Pratt, and myriad authors continue to work on the journal, making it one of the pre-eminent northern anthropology journals.

The Association Board focused on a variety of issues in the past year, from working on a proposal to the

membership tying dues to a journal subscription, to considering proposals to update and maintain the web site and move the association into the electronic age. We continue to look for new and creative ideas, and are currently looking for people to fill soon-to-be-vacant seats. As noted in the September newsletter, nominations for two Board seats and the seat of president are now open, with a slightly revised due date of January 15, 2007. Rachel Mason and Alan Boraas have served the Association well, but are both ready to move on to other things, since they have both held two consecutive terms and can no longer serve. While the by-laws were recently changed to allow the president to serve two consecutive terms, new challenges in my professional life do not permit me to continue beyond this term.

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**DEAR MEMBERS,**

**PLEASE CHECK THE DATE ON THE ADDRESS LABEL OF THIS NEWSLETTER. IT INDICATES WHEN YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES. FOR MANY OF YOU MEMBERSHIP HAS ALREADY LAPSED OR WILL LAPSE VERY SOON.**

**PLEASE RENEW ASAP!**

I encourage you all to submit names of people (including yourself) that would be interested in the opportunity to serve the membership of this great organization either as a Board member or as president.

Along these lines, nominations for Association awards are also open. We have received several nominations, but are encouraging more, so have extended the deadline for the Career Achievement and Outstanding Service to the Association awards to January 15, 2007. In addition, we are always looking for applicants for the Undergraduate and Graduate student awards, and for the Student Paper competition. Specific details on these and the other awards can be found on the web site.

Finally, the upcoming 35th annual meeting of the Association is to be held in Fairbanks on March 14-17, 2007. While it seems a long time away, it isn't. You should be in the process of registering for what looks to be an exciting conference, and submitting your abstracts for papers.

In closing, I want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a joyous and peaceful holiday season. Please take the time to think about how lucky we all are and to reflect on all that is good in your life. Take good care of yourself, and be safe.

### **Get Your Copies of the Alaska Journal of Anthropology!!**

*Owen Mason, editor*

Volume 3, No. 2 of the Journal has been mailed out. If you didn't receive your issue, please check with Liz Williams, Treasurer. She can be reached after January 10 at [liz\\_williams@fws.gov](mailto:liz_williams@fws.gov) or at (907) 786-3688. You can also order issues older than one year old, i.e., back issues, at the great price of \$10 per issue. Volume 4, No. 1 is now in press. See page 8 for a table of contents for this issue.

### **ALASKA ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**

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*The purpose of the Alaska Anthropological Association is to serve as a vehicle for maintaining communication among people interested in all branches of anthropology; to promote public awareness and education of anthropological activities and goals; to foster sympathetic appreciation of the past and present cultures of Alaskan peoples; to encourage Alaskan Natives to participate in the elucidation of their respective cultures; and to facilitate the dissemination of anthropological works in both technical and non-technical formats. Membership is open to any individual or organization indicating interest and concern for the discipline of anthropology. The Association holds its annual meeting during March or April of each year and generally publishes four newsletters each year.*

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**ALASKA  
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**Annual Meeting  
March 14-17, 2007  
Westmark Hotel, Fairbanks**

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## **Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association**

*Dan Odess*

The 2007 meetings will be held March 14-17 at the Westmark Hotel in Fairbanks, beginning with an opening reception and registration on Wednesday, March 14th from 6 to 9pm at the University of Alaska Museum of the North.

This year's luncheon speaker will be Shepherd Krech III, Professor of Anthropology and Director of the Haffenreffer Museum, Brown University. Dr. Krech will speak on Friday afternoon.

This year's dinner speaker will be Dennis Stanford, Curator of Archaeology and Director of the Paleoindian Program at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History. Dr. Stanford will speak on Thursday evening.

**Reservations** can be made directly with the Westmark Hotel at 800-544-0970. Book by March 1 to ensure room availability. Cost per room is \$69 + tax, additional people are \$15 per.

The floating deadline for session organizers is currently set at January 15. Please submit session abstracts electronically to Dan Odess by that date.

**Deadline** for papers and posters is January 30. Please submit abstracts electronically by that date. Please specify the session you wish to present in (if known), and whether or not you have contacted the session chair.

**Book Room:** Vendors interested in display space should contact Erica Hill at the University of Alaska Press: ffeh@uaf.edu or 907-474-5832.

As of December 10th, planned sessions include:

- Recent Research in Subarctic Archaeology (Ben Potter)
- Current Perspectives on the Northern Archaic (Julie Esdale)
- Nuvuk (Anne Jensen)
- About Bering Strait: Current Research on the Seward Peninsula (Margan Grover)
- Archeological Survey of Auke Lake and a Recreation Trail Project (Daniel Monteith, UAS)
- Gathering, Gardening, and Horticulture in Alaska: the Overlooked Aspects of Subsistence (Daniel Monteith, UAS)
- The Archaeology of Colonialism (Lisa Frink)
- Student Papers (Natasha Slobodina)
- Contributed Papers in Archaeology (chair?).

### ***The Archaeology of Colonialism***

**Session at the 2007 meetings of the  
Alaska Anthropological Assoc.**

**Call for Papers**

**Contact Lisa Frink  
lisa.frink@unlv.edu  
(702) 895-1114**

## Special Interest Group News



**Alaska Consortium  
of Zooarchaeologists**  
*Diane Hanson*

We had elections in November and Debbie Corbett is now President and Kristin Scheidt is the Vice-President. Kristin Scheidt is a graduate student in the Anthropology Department at the University of Alaska Anchorage. Joan Dale is still the Secretary/Treasurer. Outgoing President Diane Hanson and Vice-President Becky Saleeby have taken on the positions of innocent bystanders.

On October 18th ACZ had a dinner at Moose's Tooth in Anchorage to show our appreciation to the volunteers for all the work they've done to improve the comparative collection. The following week there was a work party at UAA and Francisco Castro, Monty Rogers, Travis Shinarbarger, Kristin Scheidt, and Diane Hanson set up a medium mammal synoptic collection. Over the holiday break there will be people in the lab continuing to work on the comparative collection.

The next workshop at the aaa meetings in Fairbanks will have Lee Post as our guest lecturer. Most of you know him as the author of the bone books he's sold to many of us. He will be talking about assembling study skeletons. We'll be talking to him a bit more about whether we can bring skeletons we want to try to assemble etc. A registration form can be found on our web page at [www.akzooarch.org](http://www.akzooarch.org). The date for the workshop is March 14.

Please be reminded that we are still taking applications for the **ACZ-Christina Jensen Scholarship** until February 1, 2007. For details about the application process, consult the September 2006 newsletter or contact me at [afdkh@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:afdkh@uaa.alaska.edu).



**Public Education Group**  
*Richard VanderHoek*

Our successful speaker series, this year featuring Dr. Richard Stoffle, took place at the end of November. Many thanks to Public Education Group member Karlene Leeper for her excellent job of planning and implementing the series. See her article on page 6 of the newsletter.

The 2007 Archaeology Month poster project is being headed by Fran Seager-Boss of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. She is working on the poster design in collaboration with the Knik and Eklutna Tribal Councils.

Richard VanderHoek (OHA) is working with the Anchorage School District (ASD) to get two-day modules (training third and fourth grade teachers in teaching the Project Archaeology lessons) offered in the annual Anchorage School District Teachers Academy. These lessons impart the value of preserving cultural sites while teaching archaeological concepts. Tentative Project Archaeology plans for Spring 2007 are to offer a three-day Project Archaeology Facilitators Training workshop in March or April. This workshop would be for archaeologists and teachers that would be interested in helping teach later Project Archaeology teacher workshops. In late May or early June we will offer at least one two-day P.A. module in the ASD Teachers Academy. If you are interested in participating in either the Facilitators workshop or the Teacher Academy workshop please contact Richard VanderHoek at 269-8728.





## Public Education Lectures Visit Sacred Volcanic Landscapes

*Karlene Leeper*

Dr. Richard Stoffle of the University of Arizona's Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology was this year's speaker in this year's Public Education Group lecture tour. Dr. Stoffle specializes in social impacts studies and the ways traditional communities are working with environmental changes. He has worked on traditional knowledge of plants and landscapes, sacred landscapes, traditional cultural properties of Native American cultures in the southwest, traditional fishing cultures of the Caribbean, the Bahamas and the Great Lakes and cultural resource management issues. The Alaska lectures all focused on the theme of sacred paths and pilgrimage sites in the Mojave Desert.

The principal objective of the Public Anthropology Group's Lecture Tour program is to share the world of anthropology from outside of Alaska with our colleagues, collaborators and stakeholders throughout Alaska. In 2004, the series visited communities in southeast and south coastal Alaska (Skagway, Ketchikan, Anchorage and Kodiak). This year, we visited Anchorage, Seward and the interior Alaska communities of Fairbanks and Nenana. The tour was made possible through grants from the Alaska Forum for the Humanities, the Alaska Anthropological Association and cash and in-kind donations of partners among our members and in the communities.

Dr. Stoffle arrived in Anchorage on the evening of November 27. The Anthropology Club of the University of Alaska Anchorage sponsored a pot luck reception on campus that was attended by students, faculty and a few other aaa members. On Tuesday afternoon, Dr. Stoffle presented "Sugarloaf Mountain: A Multicultural Puha Complex" to a very full and enthusiastic classroom of students and faculty. On Tuesday evening, he presented "Puha Path to Black Mountain" and "Paa'oata Hunuvi (Water Bottle Canyon): A Traditional Cultural Property" at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art to an audience that included anthropologists, volcanologists and others. The extraordinary UAA Anthropology Club came through again, sponsoring a wonderful surprise post-lecture reception in the museum lobby. The reception allowed for interesting discussions among the speaker and audience members who had diverse interests.



*Rock art documented in Richard Stoffle's Black Mountain Ethnographic Study in Nevada*

On Wednesday morning Dr. Stoffle, Karlene Leeper, and Michael Galginaitis traveled to Seward and met Chugach National Forest Service Seward District archaeologists Teneal Jensen and Shannon Huber, who hosted the event at the Legacy Building in Seward. There Dr. Stoffle presented "Sugarloaf Mountain: A Multicultural Puha Complex" to an eager crowd. The USFS archaeologists also organized and sponsored a dessert reception.

We arrived in Fairbanks on the afternoon of Thursday November 30. The National Park Service sponsored the event here in the Fairbanks Alaska Public Lands Education Center. The next day, Dr Stoffle and I were invited to visit the newly renovated Museum of the North guided by Dr. Dan Odess, aaa board member and the museum's Archaeology Curator.

In Nenana, Dr. Stoffle presented: "Puaxant Tuvip: Puha Paths: Southern Paiute Pilgrimages on the Arizona Strip" at the Nenana Public Library. This lecture competed with the championship game of the high school volleyball tournament.

The tour offered opportunities for networking among people with diverse interests and expertise. Dr. Stoffle would love to return to Alaska again; hopefully to conduct a research project. In the future I would like to consider visiting communities not on the road system, such as a hub community or a larger village. The lectures are much more successful with involved community partners.

# Alaska Journal of Anthropology

**THE BERING STRAIT UNIVERSE:  
CULTURES, LANGUAGES, AND HISTORY  
Tribute to Mikhail Bronshtein  
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**Owen Mason, Igor Krupnik, and Yvon Csonka**

Introduction: The Bering Strait Universe – Ethnology, Archaeology, and Linguistics

**Sergey Arutyunov**

Misha Bronshtein: A Personal Tribute

**Elena Sukhorukova**

The Question of the Birnirk-Punuk Artistic Tradition in the Old Eskimo Art of Chukotka

**Kyrill Dneprovsky**

The Birnirk occupation at Paipelghak in Chukotka: Preliminary Results from 2002—2004 Seasons.

**Robert McGhee and Hans-Cristian Gulløv**

Did Punuk People Initiate the Inuit Migration?

**Patricia Sutherland**

Evidence from the Mackenzie Delta for Prehistoric Links between Alaska and Arctic Canada: the Satkualuk Site

**Michael Chlenov**

“Uelen” Language and Its Place among Languages of the Chukchi Peninsula

**Igor Krupnik and Elena Mikhailova**

Landscapes, Faces, and Stories: Alexander Forshtein Photo Collection, 1927–1929

**Michael E. Krauss**

Eskimo Language Work of Aleksandr S. Forshtein

**Molly Lee**

The Art of Work and the Work of Art: Becoming an Artist and Practicing Art in Yup'ik Eskimo Alaska

**Hans - Georg Bandi**

A Modern Siberian Yupiget [Yup'ik] figurine as an historical record

**Hans-Jurgen Müller-Beck**

Afterword

**Appendix 1:**

Mikhail Bronshtein (1986). Typological Variants of the Old Eskimo Graphic Design. Translated by Tatyana Slobodina, with a Foreword by Igor Krupnik

**Mikhail Bronshtein: List of Publications, 1981–2006**



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## CALL FOR STUDENT PAPERS

Anthropology and History Undergraduates, Graduates, and high school students are invited to participate in the

### **Student Symposium**

at the Alaska Anthropological Association meeting  
in Fairbanks (March 2007)

The symposium creates a non-threatening, friendly atmosphere, providing a great opportunity for young researchers to share their methods, present their findings, and get valuable recommendations or ideas on future research directions. Papers in all subfields of anthropology, related to any geographic region and any timeframe are welcome. Hands on analysis, interdisciplinary research, and literature studies can be presented. Students are also encouraged to make their presence visible in the poster session of the Association's meeting.

The deadline for submitting a 100-word abstract is January 25th.

Please email the abstracts or any questions you might have to:

Natalia Slobodina  
([asnss6@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:asnss6@uaa.alaska.edu)) or call  
907-350-6306.



## **Funding Opportunity for Social Scientists**

*Polly Wheeler*

The US Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Subsistence Management is inviting the submission of proposals for fisheries research studies to be initiated under the Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program (Monitoring Program). Housed within the federal Office of Subsistence Management, the Monitoring Program is a multidisciplinary, multi-million dollar fisheries research program authorized by Section 812 of ANILCA.

The purpose of the Monitoring Program is to fund projects that provide information for federal subsistence fisheries management. On an annual basis, monies are divided up by region and type: 1/3 of the funding is potentially available for projects focusing on Harvest Monitoring and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (HM-TEK), the remaining 2/3 is directed at standard biological projects.

Projects funded under the HM-TEK data type include standard subsistence harvest assessment projects, which provide information on community harvest estimates (and often information on demographics, economics, as well as resource use and sharing information), as well as projects focusing on the collection and analysis of TEK. While the funding commitments to multiple year projects influences the amount of funding available each year, in 2008 approximately \$2.2 million dollars is expected to be available statewide.

Statewide priority information needs for 2008 harvest monitoring and traditional ecological projects include:

1) Baseline harvest assessment and monitoring of subsistence fisheries throughout the North Slope Region.

2) Description and analysis of social network underlying the allocation and management of subsistence salmon fisheries in the villages of Stebbins, St. Michael, and Kotlik. Investigators should not only focus on a description of subsistence resources, but how such a model might be applied and utilized in federal subsistence management.

3) Quantification and assessment of subsistence salmon and non-salmon harvests within the Kuskokwim Drainage (i.e. Bethel Area Post-Season Fishery Household Survey).

4) Document trends in whitefish harvest and use from Lake Clark communities.

5) Determine validity and reliability of permit estimates of subsistence harvests from the Copper River. Of particular interest is a 1 to 2 year pilot study that focuses on harvest reporting from non more than two communities.

Although the Monitoring Program harvest monitoring and traditional ecological knowledge project selections will not be restricted solely to the above information needs, investigators must provide compelling justification when submitting projects addressing other information needs. Additional information about funding opportunities see <http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/fisapply.cfm> . To be included on the RFP mailing list, or for more information, or to discuss possible projects, contact Polly Wheeler ([polly\\_wheeler@fws.gov](mailto:polly_wheeler@fws.gov) or 907-786-3380).



**The Board of the  
Alaska Anthropological Association  
is pleased to announce  
that  
Liz Williams  
has accepted the position of  
Secretary/Treasurer**

**ALASKA ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION  
BOARD ELECTION  
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

**EDITOR'S NOTE: PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS HAS BEEN CHANGED. IT IS NOW JANUARY 15, INSTEAD OF FEBRUARY 1, AS STATED PREVIOUSLY.**

Three positions will be opening on the Alaska Anthropological Board in 2007. Nominations will be accepted for President and for two board members. President Polly Wheeler is serving her first term and does not wish to be nominated for a second term. Board members Alan Boraas and Rachel Mason have each served two terms so they are not eligible for nomination. **Remember that it is your responsibility to nominate only those willing to serve.** Nominees must be members of the association.

Please use this form to make nominations. The names of candidates who are nominated the most times (sometimes even it is only twice!) will appear on the ballot in the February newsletter. Candidates included on the ballot in the February newsletter will be asked to supply a few lines of biographical information.

**Please return this form no later than January 15, 2007**

Your nominations:

President \_\_\_\_\_

Board Member \_\_\_\_\_

Board Member \_\_\_\_\_

Current Association officers are:

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Alan Boraas

Lisa Frink

Daniel Odess

Owen Mason

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# Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes

## September 5, 2006

Present: Polly Wheeler, Rachel Mason, Owen Mason, Alan Boraas (teleconference), Lisa Frink (teleconference). Meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

### Old Business:

**A. Minutes** from May 5, 2006 meeting were previously reviewed and accepted by Board via email. They were published in the spring newsletter.

### **B. Journal issues**

1. Tying subscription to dues: The Board discussed the proposal developed by Lisa Frink (8/17/06) at the request of the Board to tie membership to subscription in journal. Board agreed to publish proposal in September 2006 newsletter, to provide information to membership and to begin gauging level of support.

2. Subscription update: Owen provided a brief summary of subscription updates, pointing out that individual subscriptions are growing, but we really need institutional subscriptions.

3. Volume/Issue update: Volume 3, No. 2 is out, and Owen is working on Vol. 4, Nos. 1 and 2. The Journal is on track to publish two issues this year.

4. Purchase of large number of copies. Owen raised the question of whether or not a bulk discount should be provided when/if large numbers of copies are purchased. For example, UAF Museum wants to purchase ten copies of the most recent volume. The Board agreed that if an entity purchased ten copies or more, it would receive a 25% discount on the purchase price. Motion by R. Mason, unanimous agreement.

### **C. 2007 Conference Update**

No update was available as Dan was not present. Meetings are March 14-17 in Fairbanks; keynote speaker is Dennis Stanford. The Board discussed possible speakers, and agreed that it would be good to have disciplinary representation. Potential speakers discussed include Paul Nadasdy, Fikret Berkes, and Keith Basso. Polly agreed to provide these names to Dan via email.

### **D. Update on Web page**

Web site updates and maintenance are an ongoing issue to be discussed at next meeting.

### New Business:

UA Press has expressed some interest in possibly distributing Aurora. The Board agreed that additional information and discussion is needed before a decision can be made.

Polly reported that Barbara Bundy moved to Washington state and is no longer available as secretary. Polly is temporarily doing treasurer duties, but the Board agreed that we need to find a replacement soon. Board agreed to place an ad in the September newsletter. Meeting adjourned 4:25 pm.

## December 8, 2006

Present: Alan Boras (teleconference), Lisa Frink (teleconference), Rachel Mason, Owen Mason, Dan Odess (teleconference), Alan Boraas (teleconference), Lisa Frink (teleconference). Meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm.

### Old Business:

**A. Minutes** from September 5, 2006 meeting were reviewed and accepted by Board with two corrections. They will be published in the December newsletter.

### **B. Journal issues**

1. Subvention costs and costs of back issues: The Board discussed the related issues of subvention costs, the price of back issues, and the need for a policy to guide the process of providing copies of the journal for helping to defray costs of publication. At our last meeting, we voted to give a 25% discount if anyone purchased ten copies or more of a particular volume. Odess made the point that there is a clear distinction between underwriting the cost of producing the journal, versus buying a certain amount of copies of something that is published. Boraas stated that the Alaska Humanities Forum has a policy guiding how many issues of a volume one would get, which is related to how

much money one gives to defray costs. He volunteered to contact AHF and UA Press to see what their policy is and report back to the Board. After further discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to the following (motion made by Frink, seconded by Odess):

- a. A back issue is not a back issue until it has been out for a year.
- b. The cost of individual back issues will be \$10/volume.
- c. No discount for numerous copies of back issues. This is a flat rate for both institutions and individuals.

2.Subscriptions: Owen reported that he had spoken with UA Press regarding their interest in assuming responsibility for advertising and distribution of the journal. Boraas asked if UA Press was interested in editorial control and Owen said no, just advertising and distribution. Owen will continue to work with UA Press on this issue.

3.Archival Quality Paper: Owen will confirm that the journal is being published on archival quality paper.

4. Archiving Journal: Owen stated that Frank Broderick was in process of converting all past issues into PDFs, with the thought that eventually the journal as well as individual articles could be made available electronically. This raised the issue of electronic archiving of the journal. Upon further discussion, the Board voted unanimously on the following (motion by Rachel, second by Owen):

- a.O. Mason will send original files to Odess, who will back them up on the UA server.
- b.In the next contract with Broderick, conversion of all files to PDF will be included as a deliverable.

### **C.Aurora**

UA Press has also expressed interest in distributing Aurora. Erica Hill has contacted Rick Reanier but discussions have been limited. Wheeler suggested that UA Press continue to work with Reanier, and perhaps have a proposal for consideration at our next meeting.

### **D.2007 meetings**

Odess reported on the 2007 meetings, to be held March 14-17 in Fairbanks at the Westmark. Meet-

ings are hosted by the Museum. The first night there will be a reception at the Museum. Registration costs are as follows: Regular membership - \$95, Late - \$120; Student - \$45 (this rate applies to real students, not those that are "tenured"); Day rate - \$60.

Other items of meeting interest:

- Odess has been in contact with Anna Kert tula, who intends to be there pending travel budget allowance
- Because March is the first month of International Polar Year, Odess is trying to get some type of presence at the meetings to recognize it
- Lunch speaker is Shep Krech
- Dinner speaker is Dennis Stanford
- Chuck Diters is arranging the book room, but because of his work/travel schedule the Board agreed that additional assistance may be required. Odess will confer with Diters, and also UA Press
- Symposia are beginning to take shape; there is still time to organize additional symposia.

**E. 2008 meetings:** Possible dates should be first part of March to avoid conflicting with SAA, SfAA meetings, which are late March. Wheeler will discuss with Debbie Corbett and lock in location.

**F.Awards committee:** Composition is Frink, Odess and Janet Cohen. Deadline for nominations for several wards will be extended to January 15 to allow additional time. Nominations can be made electronically; Frink will coordinate efforts.

**G.Web Site:** For the short term, Matt Ganley will be asked to update information for meetings and to remove dead links. For the long term, Frink will take lead on contacting web designers and will report back at next meeting.

### New Business:

Personnel: Board voted unanimously to accept Liz Williams as new treasurer. Polly will get her on as signatory and will work to transition her in. (Motion made by Rachel, 2nd by Owen)

Next meeting date: At call of chair, sometime 3rd week of February. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

## New Books

### *The Mascot Saloon: Archeological Investigations in Skagway, Alaska*

Volume 10, Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park

Catherine Holder Spude with contributions by Karl Gurcke, David R. Huelsbeck and Gwen Hurst.

A group of buildings built between 1898 and 1904 cover a series of archeological deposits associated with the Mascot Saloon, the longest lived saloon operated by the same owner at the same location in the gold rush town of Skagway, Alaska. Built during the Klondike Gold Rush, and then continuing to cater to the working class men of this railroad and shipping port until local prohibition in July 1916, the Mascot Saloon witnessed all phases of saloon life.

A thorough contextual history explores the multitude and types of saloons in Skagway throughout its pre-Prohibition years; the effects of reform movements throughout Southeast Alaska on liquor licensing, pricing, gambling, and women in saloons; the influence of the declining economy on the saloons; and the incidence of crimes in the saloons. Once the context is set, a detailed history of the Mascot Saloon follows. Special attention is paid to correlating historic photographs of known dates to maps of the archeological investigation grid. The horizontal stratigraphy on the site was excellent, and allowed the archeologists to separate gold rush from post-gold rush era deposits. The gold rush saloon (1898-1899) served a much larger proportion of whiskey in bottles than it did beer or wine; snacks of nuts were served; meals with beer were common; the stampeder were free with their money; women were present in the saloon. After the gold rush (1900-1904), more beer in bottles appeared in the archeological collections; the nut snacks were replaced by free lunches, including clam chowder; while beer remained popular, the less expensive mutton appeared on the menu more frequently; money grew tighter and not so many coins and tokens were lost; the women left the saloon. The post-1904 period at the Mascot Saloon barely exists in an archeological context, and then only as construction or structural debris.

Research themes include adjustments in consumption habits from boom times to ordinary times, the mining frontier interactions with markets to the south, and changes in social relationships during the reforms of the Progressive era. The insights glimpsed at the Mascot Saloon make a contribution beyond the field of Alaskan historical archeology.

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