

2012 Rock Art Council Annual Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2012
Morality, NM

Attendees

Carmen Acosta-Johnson	TAS
Sheila Brewer	At Large
Jerry Brody	ABQ-AAS
Jean Brody	ABQ-AAS
Carol Chamberland	ABQ & Socorro BLM
Helen Crotty	At Large
Milford Fletcher	ABQ-AAS
John Guth	ABQ-AAS
Dick Harris	ABQ & Socorro BLM
Gretchen Obenauf	ABQ BLM

Carol Chamberland, Vice-Chair, called the 2012 Rock Art Council (RAC) annual meeting to order. She introduced new members Dick Harris and John Guth, and then the existing members introduced themselves. John Guth agreed to take notes, filling in for secretary Marglyph Berrier who could not attend. Major topics included:

• **Financial Report**

As of April 16, 2012, the RAC resources are \$3303.73, including funds from past field schools. The only expenditures during the past year were for some new AAS mug boards.

• **Leadership Succession**

The three-year term limit for officers has passed with just one new nomination. Current officers agreed to a 1-year extension of their terms: Gary Hein as chair, Carol Chamberland as vice-chair, and Marglyph Berrier as secretary. Gretchen Obenauf reported that all three were fully supported in the vote tally. There was agreement that the Vice-Chair would send out an email requesting two or three volunteers for a Nominating Committee, which would develop a new slate of interested candidates for the next term. It was emphasized that the initial hard work to establish the RAC has been completed, particularly developing the element key and listserv. Ongoing officer duties will focus on maintaining the email list, facilitating online discussions, approving budget appropriations and conducting one annual meeting.

• **Continuance of the RAC**

The RAC listserv is an important online forum for like-minded people across New Mexico. Since there are currently no field schools, the RAC functions as the “face” of the element key and promotes standardization of recording procedures across the state. It was suggested that we recruit new RAC members from ARMS and possibly re-record some poorly recorded sites with our current keys and technology. Support for continuing the RAC became unanimous.

• **Expanded RAC Meeting**

It was suggested that each local group could show their “best five” photos at the next annual meeting to demonstrate the work being done across New Mexico. It was also suggested that we arrange field trips for members to various sites around the state.

- **Equipment Inventory Report**

It was recommended and approved that outdated equipment (Coolpix cameras, Garmin 72 GPS, radios) from the Galisteo project be recycled. Milford Fletcher and John Guth added the old equipment (Coolpix cameras, Garmin 72s) from the "Wednesday" Diamond Tail recording team. The equipment has been removed from inventory and taken to an electronics recycler in Albuquerque.

- **New Recording Technology**

Ideas for improving recording speed and accuracy were discussed, including:

- Field use of tablets
- Bar coding and scanning of element keys
- Cameras with integral GPS recording, or connections to external GPS devices
- Photo data sheets with direct on-site digital data entry and photo insertion

Milford Fletcher agreed to research potential technology enhancements and distribute his findings to the RAC listserv.

- **Community Outreach/Education**

Several members discussed their outreach experiences (Carol with CNM, Carmen with Taos Public Schools, Gary Hein with Santa Fe schools, Gretchen with BLM posters). The consensus was that we don't have the resources to promote an outreach program, but that we should respond when we get willing invitations.

- **Action Items for 2012**

- ✓ RAC continues to operate with current officers in place for 2012
- ✓ Form nominating committee to recruit future officers
- ✓ Complete recording guide on ASNM web page
- ✓ Keep listserv up to date
- ✓ Research new technology for possible use in the field
- ✓ Discuss outreach activities via the RAC listserv
- ✓ Consider field trips for members to RAC recording sites