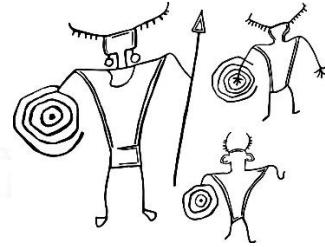


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## From the Prez

### Werner Duecker

URARA had a very successful annual board meeting last month and we have planned a great year ahead. Thanks to all who participated! Those included Board members Connie Bridge, Cheryl Ames, Geoff Hardies, Darlene Koerner, Margo Mahoney, and Troy Scotter; plus, outgoing board members Dennis DeVore and Keith Fessenden. Board appointees and other members in attendance were Steve and Diana Acerson, Nina Bowen, Carol Duecker, Carol Patterson, Lynn and Betty Benson, Layne Miller, Janet Lever-Wood, Dave Black , Diane Orr, Lynn Hardies and John McHugh.

The URARA officers for 2020 are:

- President: Werner Duecker
- Vice-President: Connie Bridge
- Secretary: Nina Bowen
- Treasurer: Carol Duecker

The Board's biggest task was reviewing proposed new bylaws for the organization. The current bylaws were written in 1990 and the organization has evolved and grown quite a bit since then, so they needed review and revision. The Bylaws Committee spent the past year working on updated bylaws, which were discussed at length during our meeting. Kudos to the bylaws committee (Keith Fessenden, Darlene Koerner and Geoff Hardies) for their hard work! Look for the new bylaws to come out later this year.

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If you are looking for something to read on a cold winter's evening, you can find the full meeting minutes on the website <https://urara.wildapricot.org/Bylaws-Financials-Minutes>

As you may have already heard, this year's Symposium will be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup> at the Uintah Conference Center in Vernal. There will be lots of great speakers and, of course, field trips to see some of the fantastic local rock art. Make plans now to attend. Further information will be coming out in future Vestiges.

The Salt Lake Tribune recently published an article regarding the recent submission of a package of materials compiled for the nomination of rock art sites on public land in and around Moab to the National Register of Historic Places. The nomination package was completed by the BLM under the leadership of former BLM archaeologist and current URARA Board member Leigh Grench and represented hundreds of hours of volunteer work, much of which was completed by URARA members, including Pam and Quent Baker of Moab. If you have not seen it, check it out here: <https://www.sltrib.com/news/environment/2020/01/19/volunteers-blm-worked/>

I am looking forward to another exciting year and hope to see you along the way. -Werner



There has to be a story here. URARA Christmas Party Salt Lake City – Oscar Olson

# Demographic analysis

Troy Scotter

Having the membership handled by Wild Apricot makes it easy to display and analyse the data. Here are membership categories from the membership database.

Level	Total (Bundles)	Active	Renewal overdue	Lapsed	Pending			New in last	
					New	Renewal	Level change	7 days	30 days
Family	227 (124)	227	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Government	38	34	-	-	4	-	-	1	1
Honorary	21 (15)	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Single	145	145	2	-	-	-	-	1	1
Student	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>436 (139)</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

The government and honorary categories are unique. The government category is for our land management partners so they know what we are doing. There is no charge for this membership and they are not required to renew. We approve applications from this group to make sure that someone isn't pretending to be a government person to get free membership. Honorary members are past presidents who get free membership. Honorary members are also not required to renew. In the analysis below I exclude these two groups since their data doesn't really apply. It's interesting that we have no Lapsed Members. I think that means we are aggressively moving expired (lapsed) members into the archived membership category. There are advantages and disadvantages of doing that. A conversation for a different time.

This chart shows the average longevity (in years) of membership in three categories. It provides an idea of member retention.

Average of Members	Archived		Grand Total
Membership level	no	yes	
Family	2.83	2.11	2.50
Single	2.90	1.34	2.18
Student	2.62	1.33	1.82
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2.86</b>	<b>1.80</b>	<b>2.36</b>

The archived “no” category means current members, the “yes” category means they are no longer current members, but the record is retained in the archives. Average longevity is 2.36 years. This is a function of the fact that the Wild Apricot database goes back only 6 years, so even the founding members are listed as “sixes” and averaged against members joining in the succeeding years. Even so, it does show that our current members have a fairly short longevity. I think this is a function of the large growth in membership in the last few years.

## Rock Art in the News

**Earliest known cave art by modern humans found in Indonesia**, Guardian 11 Dec 2019

[https://www.theguardian.com/science/2019/dec/11/earliest-known-cave-art-by-modern-humans-found-in-indonesia?utm\\_term=RWRpdG9yaWFsX1VTTW9ybmluZ0JyaWVmaW5nLTE5MTIxMg%3D%3D&utm\\_source=esp&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=USMorningBriefing&CMP=usbriefing\\_email](https://www.theguardian.com/science/2019/dec/11/earliest-known-cave-art-by-modern-humans-found-in-indonesia?utm_term=RWRpdG9yaWFsX1VTTW9ybmluZ0JyaWVmaW5nLTE5MTIxMg%3D%3D&utm_source=esp&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=USMorningBriefing&CMP=usbriefing_email)

**Wildfires Are Destroying Bolivia's Rock Art**, Smithsonian, 5 Sep 2019

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/wildfires-are-destroying-bolivias-rock-art-180973048/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20190905-daily-responsive&spMailingID=40584443&spUserID=NzQwNDU0OTIyMTES1&spJobID=1600517202&spReportId=MTYwMDUxNzIwMgS2](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/wildfires-are-destroying-bolivias-rock-art-180973048/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20190905-daily-responsive&spMailingID=40584443&spUserID=NzQwNDU0OTIyMTES1&spJobID=1600517202&spReportId=MTYwMDUxNzIwMgS2)

**Experiencing Kumeyaay culture**, San Diego Union Tribune,

[https://enewspaper.sandiegouniontribune.com/infinity/article\\_share.aspx?guid=f985776d-545e-42f1-93c4-e211fd691c97](https://enewspaper.sandiegouniontribune.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=f985776d-545e-42f1-93c4-e211fd691c97)

**Feds overrule nomination of Moab-area rock art sites to National Register**, Salt Lake Tribune 19 Jan 2020

<https://www.sltrib.com/news/environment/2020/01/19/volunteers-blm-worked/>

(also see: **Ancient Treasures**, Salt Lake Tribune 19 Jan 2020 print edition)

**The Pipette, the Tiered Cosmos, and the Materialization of Transcendence**, Journal of Social Archaeology, 2011

[https://www.academia.edu/19417637/The\\_Pipette\\_the\\_Tiered\\_Cosmos\\_and\\_the\\_Materialization\\_of\\_Transcendence\\_in\\_the\\_Rock\\_Art\\_of\\_the\\_North\\_American\\_Southwest?email\\_work\\_card=title](https://www.academia.edu/19417637/The_Pipette_the_Tiered_Cosmos_and_the_Materialization_of_Transcendence_in_the_Rock_Art_of_the_North_American_Southwest?email_work_card=title)

**Neanderthals were capable of making art**, BBC News 23 February 2020

<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-43115488>



URARA Christmas Party, Salt Lake, Oscar Olson

## Calendar and URARA Fieldtrips 2020

Feb	No field trip this month
Mar 13-14 F-Sat	Field trip, Galisteo Basin petroglyphs, Pueblo San Cristobal, NM
Mar 25-26 W-Th	Field trip, Gold Butte, NV Field Trip
Oct 1-5	URARA Symposium Vernal
Oct 14-17	great basin anthropological conference Las Vegas <a href="https://greatbasinanthropologicalassociation.org">https://greatbasinanthropologicalassociation.org</a>

URARA field trips are available to members only. For information or sign-up, please go to <https://urara.wildapricot.org/events>, or contact Cheryl Ames at [cheryl\\_e\\_ames@msn.com](mailto:cheryl_e_ames@msn.com), 303-940-2043. Registration will open approximately 45 days prior to the start of the field trip. At that time you may register until the set number of participants is filled; then your name will be added to the waiting list.

Southern Nevada Rock Art Association (SNRAA), Las Vegas, meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. <http://snraa.org/snraa.org/EVENTS.html>

Dixie Archaeological Society (DAS), St George, meets on the second Wednesday of the month. <http://www.dixierockart.com/>

Colorado Archaeological Association, Grand Junction Chapter meets on the second Monday of the month. <https://www.meetup.com/CAS-GJ/>

San Diego Rock Art Association (SDRAA) meets at the Kumeyaay Center in Poway every other month, sometimes on the first Sunday, sometimes not. <https://sandiegorockart.org/meetings>

Utah Public Archaeology Network. Calendar of events and monthly newsletter. <https://history.utah.gov/antiquities/upan>

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