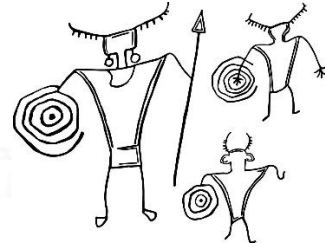


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From the Prez

Kent Williams

Hello, and Happy New Year!

Here's to wishing us all more opportunities to meet and enjoy each other's company in the coming year.

I'd like to start the year out on be emphasizing how the Board of Directors is working to keep our activities aligned with URARA's mission, and remain responsible to URARA membership. One of those ways is to maintain transparency in board decisions and actions. In fact, our bylaws require quarterly board meetings that are open, and minutes available, to all members.

To facilitate member participation in quarterly meetings, we have established a set schedule:

January 25th 6-8 PM

April 19th 6-8 PM

July 12th 6-8 PM

October 10th 6-8 PM

All quarterly board meetings will be conducted via Zoom, and for those of you inclined to sit in, you can request a link by emailing me at: utahrockartresearchassoc@gmail.com. All meeting minutes will be posted on the URARA website under the member's page (login required). Stay tuned as the Board will keep working to keep you informed.

- Kent

January 2022

Minutes, URARA Board Meeting, 4 Jan 2022

Roger Cook

Kent Williams, President, conducting

Attending via Zoom:

- Darlene Koerner – Vice President
- Carol Duecker – Treasurer
- Roger Cook – Secretary
- Diana Acerson – board member
- Nina Bowen – board member
- Wanda Gale – board member
- Rick Matthews – board member
- John McHugh – board member
- Werner Duecker – Past President
- Others: Ben Everitt, Troy Scotter

Board retreat discussion

Kent opened the meeting with a discussion about the upcoming board retreat in Beaver, Utah. All board members will be able to attend plus Ben Everitt and Werner Duecker so the retreat is on. We will all need to wear masks while at the Acerson's house. Troy Scotter and Carol Patterson will not be able to attend. It is possible we could offer a Zoom connection for those two if they really want to participate.

Surveys have gone out to all the current board members. Kari, the facilitator, did not want to send surveys to previous board members so all the surveys have been sent out. Kent will forward the survey to Werner, who as past president, is currently a non-voting member of the board.

Diana will resend the directions to her house to all the board members. She is graciously planning for all of the meals and how to feed all of us at the retreat.

The retreat officially begins on Saturday at 9am. Those who arrive on Friday early enough will probably want to have an informal dinner gathering although there is no advance planning for this.

2022 Planning

Since planning is usually a big part of the January face-to-face board meeting and we are planning to spend most of the board retreat on strategic discussions, Kent wanted to discuss how to best handle the other planning topics that the board needs to address.

- 1 option was to stay an extra day in Beaver and have a planning day on Monday but it was eventually decided we did not need to do this
- The planning topics will get handled in 2 ways. Some of the topics will actually be discussed as part of the board retreat. Kent will be finalizing the board retreat detailed agenda to see which topics he can fit in. We can even use some evening time if necessary. The remaining topics will be rolled into the agenda for the Jan. 25th quarterly Board meeting (ZOOM). Kent will finalize the agenda for that meeting as well with inputs from others.

Minutes, January 4, continued -

- A specific topic came up concerning the need to review the committee documentation and see if any corrections are needed. It was also stated that this document is supposed to be reviewed annually by the board members.
 - Proposal: Wanda, Keith and Troy to incorporate the latest agreed to changes in the Procedures/Policies Guidelines document and then for Wanda to email this updated document to all of the board members. Issues or inputs on the document will be a topic for the Jan. 25 board meeting.
 - Proposal passed.
- Several other topics were suggested to be included in the 2022 planning discussions (I don't think this captures all of the inputs)
 - Organizational goals and priorities (will be discussed at the retreat, prior to 2022 planning)
 - Goals and priorities should be fairly long range, not just for 2022
 - Establish goals for giving out grants
 - Review any grants the board has currently received
 - How to increase membership involvement in various URARA activities
 - How to increase visibility and increase participation in ongoing activities such as Site Stewardship and rock art recording
 - Which activities will the board actively prioritize
 - Determine a location for the 2023 symposium
 - 2022 Vernal symposium - planning is well enough along that it not need to be discussed at the January board retreat but should be covered in 2022 planning session

Field Trip Planning

Wanda Gayle

The Field Trip Committee is working on a new beginning for URARA field trips. Stay tuned for 2022 field trip plans.

In the meantime, check your membership and renew it if you need to before registering for your next field trip. Also, if you have a family membership, each person you are linked to under that membership needs to be listed in the URARA roster and each person under that membership needs to register to go on a field trip separately. They are not automatically registered for a field trip if you are registered.

In addition, if you are a past or future field trip leader, please contact me if you want to lead a field trip this year. I'll get you set up and everyone in URARA will love you for being a leader.

And, if there is a rock art site on your wish list, and think that URARA ought to lead a trip there, give us a shout. utahrockartresearchassoc@gmail.com.

Minutes, URARA Board Meeting 9 Dec 2021

Roger Cook

Kent Williams conducting

Attending via Zoom: Carol and Werner Duecker, Ben Everitt, John McHugh, Diana Acerson, Joe Brame, Wanda Gale, Carol Patterson, Troy Scotter, Roger Cook, Rick Matthews, Darlene Koerner, Nina Bowen

Werner began with new board member introductions and suggested they look over the committees and see if there might be one they would like to join. Committee assignments will be made in January.

Kent agreed to continue as president. He was voted and approved.

Connie is resigning as vice-president, but will remain on the committee for symposium this year. Darlene agreed to accept the nomination for vice-president. She was voted in.

Darlene suggested that symposium be broken up so it is not such a big job for one person. Troy offered to help.

Roger agreed to accept the nomination for secretary, since Nina will no longer serve. He was voted and approved.

Board retreat:

Kent explained that the board retreat this year will be quite different, in that it will be a getting to know each other and defining our values, focus and vision meeting. Kari, who we hired to facilitate the retreat, has worked up a draft agenda, which he shared on screen. This meeting will focus on developing the board, reaffirm our purpose, and goals, so specifics will be left to the committees to decide in separate meetings. Roger suggested that the survey the facilitator will be sending out be given to past board members as well as current ones.

Kent thanked Steve and Diana for offering to share their house for the meeting.

Wanda thinks some time at the retreat should be spent on field trips. She thinks it would be helpful to focus on their intent. Kent suggested we talk about field trips on an actual one that is planned for during the retreat. He thinks that before the field trip committee makes any plans, the board needs to establish overall guidelines and direction.

Diana would like to know who will be staying with them as soon as possible. Because of Covid restrictions, masks will be expected to be worn at all times, and attendees should either be vaccinated or tested negative before attending. The group decided that if something happens that the retreat needs to be cancelled, we would not want this meeting to be held via Zoom.

Minutes, December 9, continued -

John's grant request:

Those who had looked at it said that there were a few details that needed to be clarified, and John agreed to meet with Carol to clear them up. The suggestion was made that his proposal, when adjusted, be published on the website as an example. The request will be voted on at the January board retreat.

Kent said he had received requests from URARA members for dates of activities so they can plan their year. He is planning on September 30-October 2 for symposium. Board quarterly meetings will be on the third Tuesday of that month, making them April 26, July 18, and October 17 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. They will all be Zoom meetings.

Troy and Ben will be added to the list of people attending the board retreat, due to their knowledge of the operations of the group. Kent will schedule another meeting before the board retreat.

From the Archives



Diving for fish on the Virgin River

Ben Everitt

Calendar and URARA Events

January 25	URARA Board Meeting on line, 18:00 MST
April 19	URARA Board Meeting on line, 18:00 MDT
June 17-20	ARARA Conference, Great Falls, Montana https://arara.wildapricot.org/Conf-Call-For-Papers-2022 .
July 12	URARA Board Meeting on line, 18:00 MDT
October 10	URARA Board Meeting on line, 18:00 MDT

URARA field trips are available to members only. Vaccinations required. For information or sign-up, go to <https://urara.wildapricot.org/events>, or contact Wanda Gayle at wgayle@sisna.com. 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.

URARA currently offers monthly presentations for members via Zoom. Don't forget to check the URARA FACEBOOK PAGE once in while.

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

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

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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>
Now on-line.

American Rock Art Research Association (ARARA) is hosting on-line events. Free access is granted to URARA members. Registration at: <https://arara.wildapricot.org/Lectures>

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

Utah Humanities Public Events

https://utahhumanities.org/index.php/component/com_calendar/Itemid,184/component_com_calendar/id,2203/view,event/

URARA Board and Officers

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Roger Cook, Secretary
Troy Scotter, Website Manager
Diana Acerson, Conservation
Wanda Gayle
John McHugh
Rick Matthews
Nina Bowen

Committee Chairs and Appointees

Tribal Liaison	Carol Patterson
Historian/ Archives	Keith Fessenden
Website/Membership	Troy Scotter
Conservation/Preservation	Troy Scotter
Documentation	Leigh Grench
Education	John McHugh
Research	Darlene Koerner
Field Trips	Wanda Gayle
Symposium Chair	Darlene Koerner
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Board Nominations	Werner Duecker

URARA Conservation Coordinators

<u>BLM District</u>	<u>Field Office</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>
Coordinator Lead		Diana Acerson
Canyon Country	Moab	Pam & Quent Baker
Canyon Country	Monticello	Werner Duecker, Carol Duecker
Paria River	Kanab	Jeff Frey
Color Country	Cedar City	Gina Hupka
Color Country	St. George	Nina Bowen
Color Country	Richfield	Jeff Roberts
Green River	Vernal	Tim Sweeney, Darlene Koerner
Green River	Price	Layne Miller
West Desert	Fillmore	Paula Quay
West Desert	Salt Lake	Steve Acerson