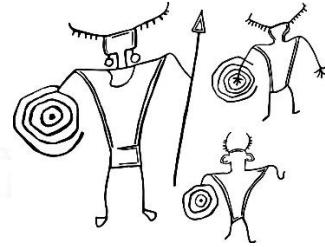


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## From the Prez

Kent Williams

Hello URARA,

I'm pleased to announce some important dates for your 2022 calendars:

October 1-2 is when we plan to hold our annual Symposium, which will be held in Vernal, Utah. We are planning for a full slate of speakers, workshops and field trips. As with the last two years, a live event will be conditional on the state of the pandemic at that time. We are planning for virtual alternatives in the unlikely event we would need to cancel live.

August 26-28 is the date for our summer picnic, to be held at the 9 Mile Ranch in Nine Mile Canyon east of Price, Utah. 9 Mile Ranch is a commercial operation with group and individual campsites, and cabins for rent. The ranch is located near the rock art that the canyon is famous for, and we can expect to view a lot of it while enjoying each other's company. Stay tuned to Vestiges for more information.

Also, we are planning to host field trips in various locations this spring. Wanda Gayle, URARA Field Trip Committee Chair is coordinating that, so be on the watch for more information from Wanda.

Kent

February 2022

# Minutes, URARA Board Meeting, 25 Jan 2022

## Roger Cook

Kent Williams, President conducting  
Board members attending (via Zoom):

- 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

A quorum of 5 or more board members were present.

### **Board Retreat Discussion**

- Kari from Icite Consulting has posted minutes, action items and other educational materials from the board retreat
- Minutes will be posted on the URARA website [Kent to send to Tony for posting]
- The 2 highest priority action items (getting going on the 2 new task forces) were discussed.
  - Rewriting Mission Statement and developing a list of core values. Nina stated that the group had met and decided that they liked the existing mission statement as written and did not plan to reword it. Core values will be developed in the next quarter.
  - Technology and Infrastructure upgrades task force: Kent plans to call the first meeting of this task force next week. Action item for Kent.

### **Organizational Chart Review**

- The Org Chart was reviewed in regard to accuracy, name additions and current activity level of all the committees
- Kent has decided the Executive Committee will take on and review the responsibilities of the Membership Committee.
- The newly created Governance Committee will be called the Nominating Committee instead so we do not need to change the by-laws. It will add to its charter the governance needs identified in the retreat.
- Field Trip, Symposium, Education, Conservation and Preservation and Research Committees are active and working on ongoing projects
- The Documentation Committee appears to be inactive at this point
- The Publications Committee may be inactive. Roger to contact Dennis DeVore to assess the current status.
- Roger will update the Organizational Chart to reflect the above changes (p. 5)

## Minutes (continued)

**Policy, Procedures and Guidelines Document**

- We discussed the updated Policies and Procedures document that Wanda sent out (URARA Policies and Procedures newest version 1.13.21). Although there were some small changes that needed to be made, there was general agreement that the new document was approved by the board once these changes were included in the document.
- All board members to send revisions to Wanda.
- There was a short discussion on who 'owned' this document and where it should be kept. The 'ownership' was not fully decided but probably belongs to some future committee if this document needs major revisions. The secretary can own minor revisions. Roger will make sure the final version is posted on the URARA website under Board materials.
- Roger to assist Wanda in some formatting of the document

**Financial Report**

- Carol reviewed the final 2021 P&L statement and a comparison of the 2021 P&L to the 2020 P&L. There were no questions.
- Carol also presented a Rev. 0 of the 2022 budget. Open items are mostly inputs from the various committees on budget needs. All committee chairs need to send their budget needs to Carol; Carol to present the final budget at the Q2 board meeting.

Carol has drafted a 'Financial Policies and Procedures' document but it has not been approved by the board yet. Carol is to send this out to the board members before the Q2 board meeting where it will be reviewed for approval.

**Committee Reports (active committees)**

- Symposium - Kent for Darlene
  - Darlene needs some help settings up the workshops. Wanda volunteered to help with this effort.
- Field Trips - Wanda
  - Wanda sent out a recommended field trip plan for 2022 which was approved by the board.
  - The first set of spring field trips will all be on the same weekend. Timing TBD but somewhere around the end of April, beginning of May. 12 trip leaders have already agreed to lead trips and she is looking for trip leaders to cover Moab, Kanab and the San Rafael Swell area.
- Conservation/Preservation - Diana
  - A few field office coordinators are moving around but Diana has this covered
  - Goal for the Vandalism Subcommittee is to present their material to at least 3 new city councils this year and to follow up with the ones they have already visited.
  - Multiple programs are active
  - Diana and Steve are meeting with a BLM archaeologist to discuss rock art on a ridge near their home. A new documentation project may come out of this.
  - URARA has a request for comment on a Vernal Master Plan. Kent will follow up with the Vernal archaeologist to make sure they are aware of the rock art database and are using this to avoid rock art sites in their planning process.

## Minutes (continued)

- Research – John for Darlene
  - Some archeoastronomy projects are under discussion but not ready to present to the board yet
- Education – John
  - Plan to be in the field at least 3 times this year with students
  - He is involved with some other people to develop a rock art etiquette video that has students (12 – 13 years old) doing most of the talking. This should be a very good video to reach the younger folks. Targetting completion by April.
  - An open item came up: there is a video available from the BLM on the vandalism that occurred at the ‘Birthing Panel’ outside of Moab. Kent will forward the link to board members and will see if we can get this published in Vestiges.

## Project/Program reports

Native American Liaison – no update

## Summer Picnic

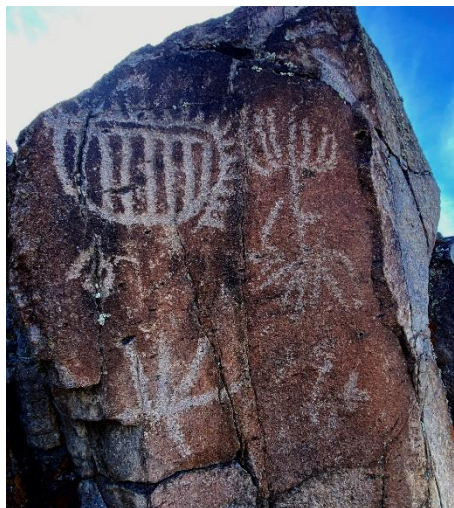
It was agreed to organize a summer picnic in ~mid-August, exact date TBD. The first option is to try to get a group camp spot in the vicinity of Nine-mile Canyon. Nine-Mile Ranch was suggested as a good place to camp if it is available. Kent will follow-up and advise. The back-up plan is to camp on Boulder Mt. at the Single Tree Campground.

## 2023 Symposium Location

Price was nominated for the 2023 location and this was approved by the board. Layne Miller has many contacts there and is willing to help out.

## Open Items

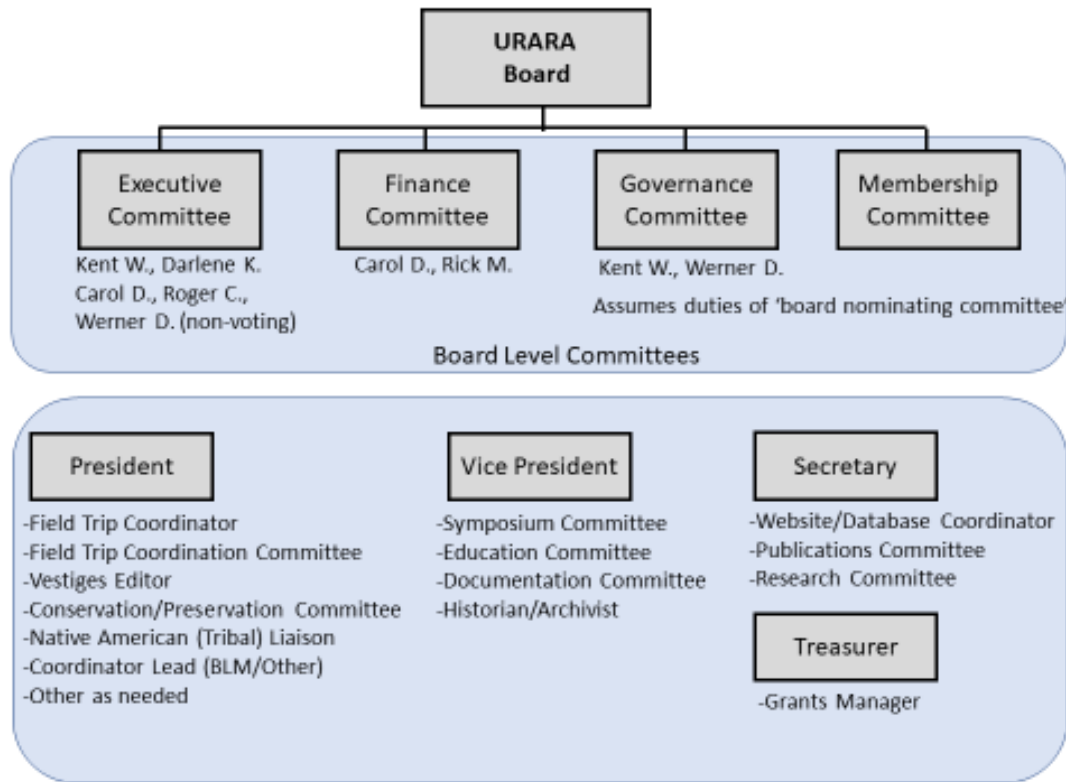
Werner brought up that 5 current board members terms will be up at the end of 2022. All of them are eligible for renewing their board membership for another 2 years. Werner requested that Nina, John, Kent, Carol and Wanda give this consideration and let him know if they plan to continue as board members or not after 2022.



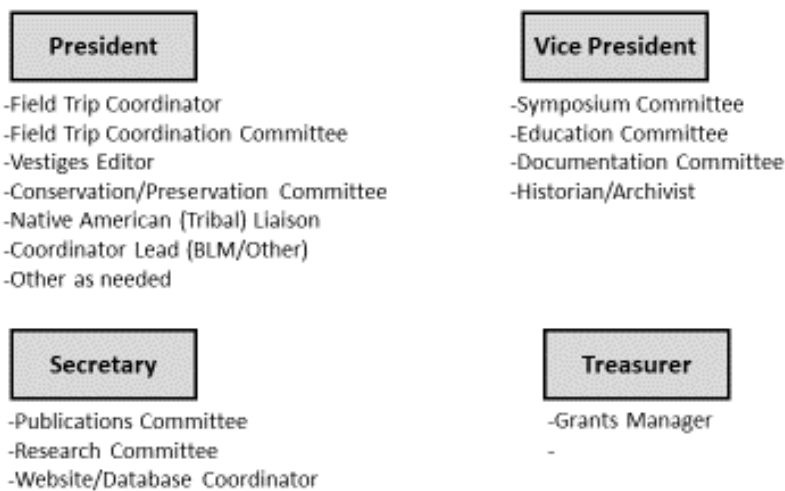
**Mud Springs**

**Steve Acerson**

**Organizational chart**



**Other Committees & Appointees reporting structure**



# URARA 2022 Field Trip Proposal

Wanda GAyle

This proposal is based on the need to accommodate a larger membership, work with a reduced number of experienced trip leaders, reduce visitation impact, and make field trips a more manageable program. The field trip committee wants to provide field trips – despite more members and more competition for field trip spots – but make it easier for members to participate in the program, appreciate rock art, and enjoy rock art images in the field.

The URARA field trip committee proposes two ways to carry out the field trip program for 2022: 1) promote self-guided trips by expanding the list of public rock art sites on the website and making it more visible to website users and

2) sponsoring the following field trips.

- ❖ In the spring, with each field trip committee member arranging a field trip or trips and field trip leaders on the same weekend throughout the region.
- ❖ In the fall, in conjunction with the symposium
- ❖ Throughout the year, with occasional field trips when an opportunity comes up

To increase the value of URARA field trips – to members and to the landscapes we visit – the field trip committee proposes the following:

- Develop "best practices" visitation guidelines
- Have an annual field trip leader orientation and field trip for new field trip leaders that includes best practices guidelines
- Develop a service component for each trip, when possible
- Ask each field trip participant to watch or read visitation impact, etiquette and ethics, and vandalism awareness presentations before the trip, such as
  - SHPO office: Elizabeth Hora YouTube videos
  - SHPO office: Elizabeth Hora *How to Visit Rock Imagery Sites* article
  - Ben Pikyavit: Visit with Respect video
  - Friends of Cedar Mesa: Visit with Respect videos
- Increase awareness of visitation impact and visitation ethics with pre-trip messaging via online presentations, social media, Vestiges, website, and the member forum



# Field Trip Committee Update

## Wanda Gayle

The URARA mission statement includes the phrase "to encourage the appreciation and enjoyment of rock art." In that spirit, the URARA field trip committee is planning a Spring Field Trip Weekend. The dates are April 29, April 30, and May 1.

The field trip committee is preparing up to a dozen field trips for that weekend – from Beaver to Vernal, Anasazi Ridge to Nine Mile Canyon, and more. This event is the reopening of the URARA field trip program, which has been dormant because of the pandemic.

Look for more field trips around the summer picnic event, the 2022 symposium in Vernal, UT, and, occasionally, throughout the year. Of course, field trip plans may be disrupted by the next Covid variant and by CDC recommendations. But be patient and think positively. We all want to visit rock art in the field.

The field trip committee's goal this year is to appreciate and enjoy our beloved landscapes *responsibly*. Please renew your commitment to treading lightly on the land. Try observing yourself during your next rock art outing so that you raise your own awareness of how you visit a site. Also, please do the following:

- Read this article – [www.visitutah.com/articles/how-to-visit-rock-imagery-sites](http://www.visitutah.com/articles/how-to-visit-rock-imagery-sites)
- Watch these videos – [bearsarsmonument.org/visit-with-respect-videos/](http://bearsarsmonument.org/visit-with-respect-videos/)
- Remember these ethics – [urara.wildapricot.org/Visit-Ethics](http://urara.wildapricot.org/Visit-Ethics)

## Rock Art Vandalism

Birthing Rock vandalism Moab. Video produced by Discover Moab. [Moab Petroglyph Vandalism](#)

*Petroglyphs defaced outside Santa Fe* ABQ Journal, January 31, 2022

<https://www.abqjournal.com/2464349/petroglyphs-near-santa-fe-vandalized.html>

*Vandals defaced ancient Big Bend rock art by scratching their names into it*

CNN 7th January 2022

<https://www.cnn.com/travel/article/big-bend-vandalized-scli-intl/index.html>

*Vandalism and Security at Rural Rock Art Sites*, Professional Geographer, September 22, 2021,

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00330124.2021.1957690>

## Best Kept Secret - URARA Members Forum

Steve Acerson

The member's forum on the URARA web page is for URARA members to share and discuss relevant topics in a respectful manner without sharing rock art site locations. Be able to look for members to share activities with. Share important information and invitations on rock art and cultural related events. Ask those daunting rock imagery questions you've always wanted answers to. Who has a great book out? Who wants to participate in a conservation/preservation effort? Who can you talk to about a field trip? Or discuss a certain image style. Ask questions about what URARA does. Do you have questions for the URARA board or committees? Get to know the organization. Create new topics for specific issues, e.g., new papers published, how to use your GPS unit, etc.

Once you are "**Subscribed**", by default you will be sent emails of forum topics when they are created by subscribed members. You can REPLY with your comments. You may CREATE your own topic of discussion. Any topic of discussion is sent only to subscribed members. The more subscribers, the more interaction is possible.

So - How do you begin? Once on URARA's Home page on the Website:

- Click on the "Members" tab.
- Click on the "Members Forum" tab.
- You'll see the list of "Topics". Feel free to surf any of those.
- To start your own topic, click "Create Topic" button.
- **Right** of the **Create Topic** button Click "**Subscribe to Forum**"

(To subscribe to just one topic in a forum, view the topic and click the **Subscribe to topic** link adjacent to the topic.)

- Begin your topic in the field provided
- Choose files to attach if you wish: Photos, articles, etc.
- When you are ready - Click POST
- You will see your Topic in your email notification the next day

We encourage you to enjoy the Forum and share this information with other members.

Your communications are important to us and help us do a better job.

Join the URARA Forum!



# Covid In Winter

Steve Acerson

Fellow Rockart admirers,

This last Saturday Diana and I took a break from the Covid experience and went for a little hike. I'm sure that the rest of you are doing the same as you get a chance.

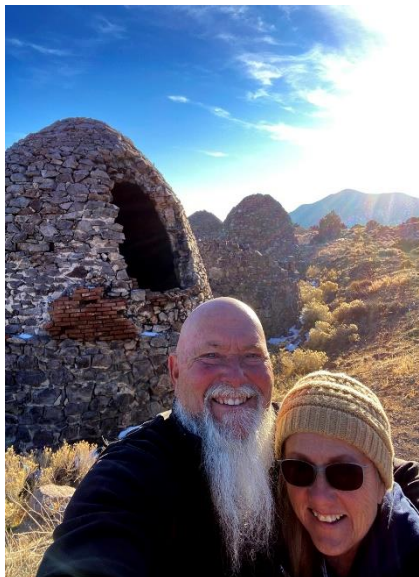
As URARA moves closer to having field trips starting back up to everyone's relief, it would be nice to hear of the places and a few pictures of your adventures sent to Ben so he can put them in Vestiges.

So here is a quick mention of our visit to Mud Springs. This site is west of Milford on a dirt road through the flats of small plants and wild horses. It's far between water holes, and the wildlife trails go for miles between forage and a drink.

As most of you know about finding water in the west, there are probably many cultures using these same spots through time. Lava flows created faces that images could be pecked on to create images important to them.

It was a warm winter day with comfortable temperatures and a nice sun warming us... After a few hours of taking GPS points and pictures, we drove towards home with a short visit to the mines at Frisco, and the kilns.

Well, let's hear of your adventures !!!



## Calendar and URARA Events

February 12	ARARA DStretch Tutorial 17:30 PST <a href="https://arara.wildapricot.org/Lectures">https://arara.wildapricot.org/Lectures</a> To register
April 19	URARA Board Meeting on line, 18:00 MDT
June 17-20	ARARA Conference, Great Falls, Montana <a href="https://arara.wildapricot.org/Conf-Call-For-Papers-2022">https://arara.wildapricot.org/Conf-Call-For-Papers-2022</a> .
July 12	URARA Board Meeting on line, 18:00 MDT
August 11-14	Pecos Conference (tentative) Rowe Mesa, New Mexico <a href="https://www.pecosconference.org/">https://www.pecosconference.org/</a>
August 26-28	URARA Summer Picnic, Nne-Mile Ranch
October 1-2	URARA Symposium and membership meeting, Vernal
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](mailto: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.

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 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. <http://snraa.org/snraa.org/EVENTS.html>

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/](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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 Carol Duecker, Treasurer  
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 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	Diana Acerson
Documentation	
Education	John McHugh
Research	Darlene Koerner
Field Trips	Wanda Gayle
Symposium Chair	Darlene Koerner
Publications Editor	Dennis DeVore
Vestiges Editor	Ben Everitt
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