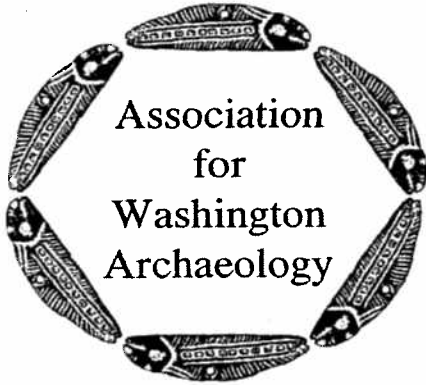


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## President's Message

**T**he **Northwest Anthropological Conference** will be held from April 10th through the 13th in Boise, Idaho. The conference will be held at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel and is hosted by the Idaho State Historical Society, Archaeological Survey of Idaho, Boise National Forest, Idaho Bureau of Land Management, and the Department of Anthropology at Boise State University. For more information and to download a conference registration form, see the ISHS webpage: <http://www2.state.id.us/ishs/anthroconference.html> or contact Mary Anne Davis, Conference Chair, at 208-334-3847 or [mdavis@ishs.state.id.us](mailto:mdavis@ishs.state.id.us)

NWAC's theme this year will tie in with that of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's: "Preserving the Spirit of Place," giving recognition to the fact that each community has distinctive landscapes, structures, and history that defines it and gives tourists and residents alike a sense of shared heritage. The Idaho Historical Museum and the Basque Museum collections include prehistoric, ethnohistoric, and historic-period materials from around the region. These museums are located less than ten blocks from the conference site in the heart of Boise's historic district. Short drives, a little over an hour or so, will take you to the Snake River Visitor's Center (west on I-84) or the Long Valley (north on SH-55).

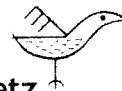
**AWA's Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held at NWAC. We will be discussing an important change to our bylaws at this meeting, one that deals with the link between NWAC and the AGM. Currently, our bylaws state that the AGM will be held in conjunction with NWAC each year. However, after 2003, NWAC may become a biannual meeting. AWA would like to take a proactive step by changing our bylaws to include other AGM location options. For the full proposed agenda and meeting place/time in Boise, see page 2 of this newsletter. I hope to see many of you there!

**The 2002 NWAC will be held April 10 through 13 in Boise, Idaho**

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—Linda Naoi Goetz



## AWA Board Recommends Amending Bylaws

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It is assumed that articles reporting on any aspect of a project under contract have been submitted in accordance with the provisions of the contract and with the knowledge and permission of the project's PI.

**Submission deadlines are the 15th of February, May, August, and November. E-mail submissions, attached as Word-readable documents, may be sent to the Editor.**

The AWA Board has voted to recommend amending the bylaws with regards to the location of the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Currently the bylaws require that the AGM be held at the location of the Northwest Anthropological Conference (NWAC).

Two main factors influenced the board to recommend a change to the bylaws. In the past, low attendance to NWAC meetings held outside of Washington or Oregon by AWA members has meant quorum was not reached, thereby necessitating an additional AGM be called. The second issue involves discussions of possibly holding the NWAC on alternative years rather than annually. While this issue is still under discussion and no final decisions have been made, the AWA board has decided to proactively separate the location of the AGM from the NWAC in the event that such a decision is made.

While AGMs will likely continue to be held in conjunction with NWACs in Washington or Oregon, the bylaw change will allow the board to select the meeting location as seems appropriate.

## Annual General Meeting Announcement and Agenda

To: All AWA Members

As required in the AWA bylaws, the following notice is given regarding the 2002 Annual General Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Owhyee Plaza Hotel Conference Center in Senate Room on April 11, 2002 at 6pm.

### Meeting Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Treasurer's Report
- III. Secretary's Report
- IV. Register Grievance Update
- V. Bylaw Change
  - A. Discussion
  - B. Vote
- VI. Membership Needs: On What Issues Do Members Want the Board to Focus?

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Dugas, Secretary

**Editor's Note:** AWA President Linda Naoi Goetz sent the following letter to all Register of Professional Archaeologists (RPA) members in Washington State. While several AWA members have received replies to their correspondence with the Register, AWA still awaits a response. The issue has recently received coverage in the *Seattle Weekly*. See <http://seattleweekly.com/features/0210/news-downey.shtml> for the text of the article.

February 13, 2002

Dear Washington RPA member,



I am writing on behalf of the Association for Washington Archaeology (AWA) to request your assistance in resolving an AWA grievance inquiry filed with the Register of Professional Archaeologists (RPA). I'm sure you are well aware of the destruction of a known archaeological site in Blaine in 1999. At that time, a RPA-registered archaeologist was working at the project while a midden containing numerous burials was destroyed by construction equipment. According to the *Seattle Times*, "Construction crews shoveled up 400 dump trucks' worth of material — human remains and all — and unloaded them at a private construction business seven miles away." In addition, there are allegations that many burials were removed to Colorado for analysis in contradiction to a signed Memorandum of Agreement.

For the past two years, the Association for Washington Archaeology has been pursuing an inquiry with RPA into the events at Blaine. Several letters and emails were sent to RPA requesting a formal investigation, but there has been minimal response from RPA to date. As far as we are aware, RPA has not yet begun formal inquiry into allegations of several ethical violations of professional conduct. The only information we have received from RPA has been when we've sent certified letters to the RPA President. AWA has received no responses to the last three emails sent to the RPA Grievance Coordinator.

We need your help in resolving this apparent stalemate. Would you please write/call/email the following RPA officers requesting their prompt attention to resolving this matter? RPA officers include:

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Please contact me or any members of the AWA Board of Directors ([www.awarch.org/Board/AWAboard.htm](http://www.awarch.org/Board/AWAboard.htm)) should you have any questions about our efforts to date. We would also appreciate copies of any correspondence you send to RPA. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Linda Naoi Goetz  
President

# OAHP News

Submitted by Stephenie Kramer & Allyson Brooks

## PERMITTING

With the arrival of spring comes the beginning of a new field season and hence a new permitting season for the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. We thought we'd offer you some tips on turning in a complete application using the current rules in order to assist you in developing a high quality permit. Many of you have received this information through the mail. In an effort to connect with more archaeologists who may not be on our consulting list, we offer it here again for your information. The current and complete permit requirements can be found in the Washington Administrative Code 25-48-060 or on our web page at [www.oahp.wa.gov/exat.htm](http://www.oahp.wa.gov/exat.htm).

Remember, in addition to the front page of the application, there are 18 potential sections to a complete permit application, depending on the type of resource, nature of your excavation or recovery, and land ownership. Over the years we have noticed that certain items tend to be underreported or are missing from many permit applications. Tracking down these deficiencies slows down the entire process.

Current Washington State Law (RCW 27.53.060) requires a permit from our office to remove or excavate any Native American human remains, burials, or to excavate any Native American archaeological sites. A permit is also required to remove or excavate historic archaeological resources that are eligible or listed in the National Register of Historic Places or to recover any submerged historic aircraft or historic shipwrecks, or remove any archaeological object from such sites.

1. Review your project or your client's project for any federal permits, funding or licensing. If there are federal permits, licenses, approvals, monies, or agencies involved in or regulating the project, your project must comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations. You will need to contact the lead federal agency regarding site evaluation.
2. Once a completed excavation application is received by our office, copies will be sent to affected Indian Tribes, the Association of Washington Archaeology, affected local governments, and landowners. To expedite your permit, we recommend you include not only a list of names and addresses of relevant persons and agencies for your permit review, but also a copy of the permit for each of these parties. If permit packages are ready to send, processing time in our office is considerably reduced.
3. Take time to answer all information requirements found in WAC 25-48-060 1(a-n) and WAC 25-48-060 2, 3, 4 and 5.
4. Note items (f) and (h). The best way to provide evidence of your financial ability to complete the work, including laboratory and report writing, and your client's concurrence, is to submit a letter from the client stating they agree to finance your project to completion, which includes analysis and report writing. Another option is to submit a copy of your signed contract with the dollar amounts redacted. If your client is not the landowner, don't forget an additional letter allowing your access onto their property.
5. Provide a letter from the museum willing to curate the collection.
6. Provide clear maps and graphics. Be sure your graphics clearly show a datum and a north arrow.
7. We also encourage you to develop the application cooperatively with the concerned tribes and local governments so no one is surprised.
8. Please remember the time line for receiving a permit after submittal to our office is approximately 45 to 60 calendar days.
9. Please be aware, once you accept the permit, you are committing yourself to analyzing the recovered collection, producing a written report, and accepting any other conditions stipulated on the permit.

We look forward to working with you this year. Your concern for protecting the archaeological resources of our state is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact our office or our homepage if you have any questions on the permitting process, or to be informed about the status of the archaeology bill. Stephenie can be reached at (360) 586-3083 or [StephenieK@cted.wa.gov](mailto:StephenieK@cted.wa.gov) and Rob can be reached at (360) 586-3080 or [RobW@cted.wa.gov](mailto:RobW@cted.wa.gov).

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Substitute House Bill 1189 has passed the legislature with a vote of 87-9 in the House and 40-8 in the Senate. The Governor should sign the bill in early April. This bill gives OAHP the authority to issue civil penalties when a person has knowingly and willfully failed to get a permit, or knowing or willfully failed to comply with the provisions of a permit. It gives OAHP the authority to deny a permit based on previous violations of state or federal law. OAHP can require a party to pay for reasonable investigative costs and reasonable site restoration costs. There is also a provision for a person incurring a penalty to ask for an adjudicated proceeding and subsequent review. State agencies are now required to file reports with OAHP and all reports are declared confidential. More information about the legislation and the rule making process still to come at [www.oahp.wa.gov](http://www.oahp.wa.gov).

## Book Review: *Earth Sciences and Archaeology*

By Doug Tingwall

*Earth Sciences and Archaeology*. Paul Goldberg, Vance T. Holliday, and C. Reid Ferring, editors. 2001. Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers, New York. xi + 513 pp., figures, references, index. \$120.00 (hardcover).

Evolutionary prehistorians may quibble over archaeological cladistics, while culture historical pundits ponder the age old question of inclusive or exclusive typologies, but no matter how one looks at cultural assemblages, there is no question that a solid foundation in geoscience is crucial in reliable archaeological interpretation.

*Earth Sciences and Archaeology*, a 513-page tome released just last year, is the newest addition to the geoarchaeological literature and whereas it doesn't pretend to be an exhaustive reference, this volume certainly provides a welcome complement to previous works by Waters, Schiffer, Birkeland, and Reineck and Singh.

The book is a six-part compilation of articles by various experts involved in geoarchaeology that seeks to provide definitions and practical examples of analytic approaches to different research problems while illustrating methodological limitations. The first two chapters (Part I) provide overviews of Quaternary chronology and paleoenvironmental reconstruction and site formation processes followed by four chapters on alluvial geomorphology, defining settlement patterns across landscapes, and archaeoseismology (Part II); four chapters on soil, sediment, and microstratigraphic analysis, including a discussion of pedoturbation (Part III); three chapters on ceramic petrography, microartifact analysis, and archaeogeophysical techniques (Part IV); three chapters pertaining to geochemical absolute dating techniques, stable carbon and oxygen isotope analysis of soils, and instrumental sourcing of lithics (Part V); and finally concludes with Ofer Bar-Yosef's assessment of integrating geoscience with archaeology (Part VI).

The editors readily acknowledge the unfortunate absence of chapters pertaining to aeolian, coastal, and cave depositional processes and environments, but this does not diminish the work's value as a whole. One noticeable addition to this volume that has significance for western Washington prehistory and is lacking in other works is Noller's discussion of archaeoseismology (Chapter 6). Moreover, the chapters devoted to geomorphological studies (Chapters 3-6) and sediment analysis (Chapters 7-10) should be especially reviewed by archaeologists involved in Cultural Resource Management.

In conclusion, *Earth Sciences and Archaeology* is a great reference book for both academics and laymen. If your library shelves are not already buckling under the combined mass of too many books (or even if they are) be sure to clear an extra niche to accommodate it. It may not be a signpost for the Spanish Diggings or provide the means of unequivocally distinguishing dacite from basalt, but this book will certainly provide the reader with a foundation from which to reliably assess geoarchaeological interpretations.

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### PNWAS LECTURE

Dr. **George F. MacDonald**, Director, Burke Museum, Univ. of Washington

*20 Years of Mapping and creating 3-D Images of Ancient Haida Villages on Queen Charlotte Islands*

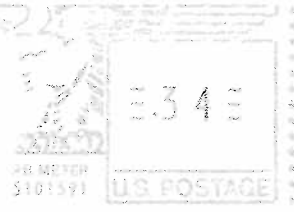
Friday, April 26, 2002: 7 pm to 9 pm

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