



**COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE CHAIR**  
**SPRING 2023 REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Due to SAA Executive Director, SAA Secretary, and Board Liaison on February 6, 2023**, for inclusion in the materials for the Spring Board of Directors Meeting. Your report serves to inform the SAA Board of the committee/task force's accomplishments and as background for the action items.

- The Board asks all committee and task force chairs to use this Word document to report to the Executive Director ([ona\\_schmid@saa.org](mailto:ona_schmid@saa.org)), the SAA Secretary (Kelley.Hays-Gilpin@nau.edu), and your Board Liaison.
- Reports are required in the spring of each year and optional in the fall.
- **Starting in 2022, Coordinator, Membership and Meetings, posts reports on Committee pages to improve transparency and assist incoming future chairs.**
- If you are able to join us in Portland Oregon, Committee and Task Force chairs are invited to join the Board for **breakfast on Saturday April 1, 2023**. Please RSVP by February 1.

Report of the	Committee on Climate Change Strategies and Archaeological Resources
From Chair	Carole Nash and Heather Wholey
Date	March 5, 2023

**1. Membership and terms for your committee:**

*So that the SAA Office's records are as complete as possible, please list your committee members and their terms here. Please also note if there are anticipated changes in a member's status before their term end date.*

Michael J. Aiuvalasit – through 4/5/24  
 David G. Anderson – through 4/25/25  
 Sara E. Ayers-Rigsby -- through 4/25/25  
 William R. Belcher – through 4/5/24  
 William Chadwick – through 4/5/24  
 Charlotte Goudge – through 3/31/23 (eligible for renewal but decided to end term this year)  
 Hans Husayn Harmsen – through 4/5/24  
 Paula Hertfelder – through 4/5/24  
 Christopher L. Hill – through 4/5/24

Anne Jensen – through 5/1/26  
 Emily Lena Jones – through 4/25/25  
 Vibeke Vandrup Martens – through 4/5/24  
 Thomas H. McGovern – through 4/5/24  
 Alvaro Montenegro – through 4/5/24  
 Carole Nash – through 4/5/24  
 Katherine Patton – through 5/1/26  
 Benjamin Vining – through 4/25/25  
 Heather Wholey – through 4/5/24  
 Kimberly J. Wooten – through 4/25/25  
 SAA Board Liaison – Maria Gutierrez

## **2. Executive summary of Committee's/Task Force's activities over the past year:**

*Please note that the activities summary should not exceed 250 words. Should the committee or task force be responding to a Board request for a draft document or report, refer to it in the summary and forwarded with this form as an attachment. If no such document was requested by the Board, the executive summary should be confined to the word limit.*

1. Members of CCSAR met virtually eight times between February 2022 and February 2023. These meetings focused on three topics: the President's Forum for the 2023 Portland Meeting; the development of a survey on climate change to the SAA membership; and the organization of meeting of the Social Archaeology and Climate Change working group to plan for WAC 10.
2. The chairs met with the Portland Local Arrangements Committee seven times between January 2022-January 2023 to work out details of the opening session at the 2023 meeting.
3. The chairs, with the assistance of CCSAR committee members, organized the presentations for the President's Forum (March 29, 2023), "Climate Change and the Transformation of Archaeological Practice," which features a welcome from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and remarks by SAA President Sandweiss. The chairs will moderate the session, which includes presentations by four members of the committee and one member of the SAA Board
4. CCSAR members drafted initial questions for a survey that will go out to members, after proper approvals, on the topic of climate change. The purpose of the survey is to gather information on members' knowledge of and experiences with climate change impacts to support future action and programming by the SAA Board. We met with our Board Liaison and the chair of the Survey Project Oversight Committee of the Board to better understand survey guidelines. We hope to have a draft ready for review and comment by late spring 2023.
5. The committee chairs had a number of discussions with David Lindsay in support of SAA efforts to bring climate change impacts and declining numbers of archaeological practitioners to the attention of congressional offices.
6. Committee members sent public comments to the U.S. Global Change Research Program for its draft of the Fifth National Climate Assessment. This document, which guides policy and funding, has had limited input from archaeologists, and our comments are intended to demonstrate the importance of bringing us to the table.
7. The chairs and several committee members participated in a radio program, "Climate Change, Cocktails, and Conversation," which was recorded in Chicago in March 2022 for broadcast on Florida Public Radio.

8. The chairs presented an overview of the work of the committee during the virtual series, “North American Heritage at Risk,” in April 2022.
9. A chair participated in a virtual program, “The Future of Field Research,” for the *Chronicle of Higher Education* in July 2022.
10. Currently, the chairs are working with the Local Arrangements Committee and Program Chair for the 2024 SAA Annual Meeting in New Orleans on a climate change-focused field trip.
11. The chairs continue to work with leaders of the Social Archaeology and Climate Change (SACC) initiative that Deb Nichols and other SAA Board members supported in 2021. We will hold a planning meeting in Portland to organize a SACC meeting in advance of the 2024 World Archaeological Congress, Adelaide, Australia. This Australia meeting will bring together European and North American archaeologists and colleagues from the Global South to create an action plan for cultural heritage in the time of climate change. A proposal has been submitted to the NEH Collaborative Research program to support the travel of Global South participants. The statements of climate change from SAA, EAA, and SACC will form the basis of a WAC statement that can be used for policy-making and fundraising to support climate change-related work.

### **3. Items for Board Consideration, if applicable. These are recommendations and requests that specifically require Board approval.**

*These items range from statements that you may wish to be disseminated, requests to undertake projects, requests to disseminate results, or any other action for which a committee or task force needs specific Board guidance/approval. Please do not embed such items in your activities summary. These items must be separately listed in this section. These are actions you are asking the Board of Directors to take. Please also include a discussion of fiscal impacts, if any, but note that budget requests occur in advance of the Fall Board meeting (and not as part of this report). Should you have questions about whether any of your Committee’s items require Board approval, please consult with your Board Liaison prior to submitting your report. We also recommend that you run a draft of your report by your liaison before you “officially” submit it.*

No items for Board consideration.

### **4. Draft motions, if appropriate. (Optional)**

*Drafting a suggested motion or motions for any requests noted above will help the Board more clearly understand your request and increase the “fit” between the request you make and corresponding Board action. Please keep in mind that suggested motions may be revised or not accepted by the Board, whose responsibility it is to consider the full range of member needs. If you choose to include suggested motion(s) with your report, it is essential that you work with your liaison before you submit your report. They will be able to provide examples of motions that you can use as models for the ones you create.*

No draft motions.