



SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

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), 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 Native American Relations
From Chair	Wade Campbell & Carlton Gover
Date	March 10, 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.

Jeffrey C. Bendremer	4/25/2022	Member
Lewis Borck	3/31/2023	Member
Wade Campbell	4/5/2024	Co-Chair
Brian Holguin	4/25/2025	Student Member
Jeff Irwin	4/25/2025	Member
Nicholas Laluk	4/25/2025	Member
Maxine E. McBrinn	3/31/2023	Member
Chuck R. Riggs	4/25/2025	Member
Carlton Quinn Shield	4/5/2024	Co-Chair

Jayne-Leigh Thomas 4/5/2024 Member

David E. Witt 3/31/2023 Member

Chance Ward 4/25/2025 Student Member [note – there was an issue with membership that still has not been resolved]

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.

CNAR's activities in the wake of the 2022 Annual Meeting focused mainly on the internal task of rebuilding the committee, as well as the committee's external advising duties. Following Campbell & Gover's appointments as co-chairs, a quarterly meeting schedule was established. With K. Brunso's appointment to the Finding Verifications Committee and the appointment of the two student members as co-chairs, new CNAR members were solicited following an internal process that resulted in the addition of Holguin [Student], Ward [Student], and Laluk, although issues persist regarding Ward's SAA member status.

Between April 2022 and March 2023, CNAR participated in the following topics:

- 5/11/2022: Co-chairs participated in SAA Equity Strike Team meeting 1
- 6/3/2022: Co-chairs participated in SAA Equity Strike Team meeting 2
- 6/1 – 6/9/2022: CNAR assisted in making connections and preparing the joint CAA-SAA response to newspaper articles misconstruing the nature of unmarked burials research at First Nations residential schools in Canada.
- 6/29 – 7/9/2022: CNAR appoints Thomas as CNAR representative to American Anatomical Association group developing legacy anatomical collections policy
- 7/14 – 7/21/2022: CNAR attended GAC calls regarding revisions to USACE Appendix C
- 7/18 – 8/1/2022: CNAR responds to Decolonization Task Force "Staff Training Proposal" document
- 8/21 – 9/6/2022: CNAR responds to request for committee sponsorship of a session at the 2023 Annual Meeting (declines to sponsor due to concerns raised by student member Holguin).
- 9/9 - 10/26/2022: CNAR asked to review multiple iterations of Land Acknowledgement for Portland 2023 Annual Meeting prepared by the local meeting committee.
- 10/24 – 11/2/2022: CNAR comments on planned rejection of submitted abstract for 2023

Annual Meeting. Co-chairs participate in emergency SAA Board meeting/phone call on 10/31.

- 10/25/2022: Co-chairs meet with Decolonization Task Force about potential action items for SAA Board.
- 11/6/2022 – present: CNAR co-chairs reach out to inquire about funding to restart the formal Native American Welcome Reception event at the Annual Meeting. Are put in touch with the Local Meeting Committee who are developing something similar and remain collaborating with that group about Portland reception. Plan to have an SAA Native American Welcome Reception at future meetings.
- 11/11/2022: CNAR fall quarter meeting. Whole committee hears from Decolonization Task Force rep Lindsay Montgomery about updates to proposed DTF action items originally discussed in 10/25 call.
- 12/1/2022: CNAR provides comments on proposed NAGPRA revisions

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.

The main item that would likely require Board approval is CNAR's intent to request **permanent funds** to support an annual Native American Welcome Reception event at the Annual Meeting. Prior to Covid, this occurred regularly and was an important venue for Native researchers and collaborators to network and reaffirm relationships. In 2022, this event was switched in favor of a mentoring breakfast; it is our intent to keep with a standard evening reception moving forward.

CNAR is also invested in the discussion brought forward through the Decolonization Task Force about membership waivers and conference attendance waivers for Native/Indigenous people. To the best of our knowledge, this is an ongoing discussion that CNAR should be a part of.

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.