

**Committee/Task Force Chair**

**February 2024 report to the Board of Directors**

**Due to your Board Liaison on March 19, 2024,** for inclusion in the materials for the Board of Directors Meeting in New Orleans. 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 ([oona\_schmid@saa.org](mailto:oona_schmid@saa.org)), the SAA Secretary (Barbara.roth@unlv.edu), and your Board Liaison.
* Reports are required for the BOD meeting at the Annual Meeting of each year and optional in the BOD September meeting.
* **Please cc: all committee and task force members are carbon copied on the transmittal email.** If committee members have comments on the report to the Board, please contact the Committee/Task Force board liaison within 3 days.
* **Starting in 2022, Coordinator, Membership and Meetings, posts reports on Committee pages to improve transparency and assist incoming future chairs.** This means that
  + Committee chairs are responsible for making sure the entire committee has reviewed the report prior to submission
  + Reports do not include ad hominem attacks or otherwise defame, insult, or libel another person or group
* If you are able to join us in person, Committee and Task Force chairs are invited to join the Board for **breakfast on Saturday April 19, 2024.**

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| Report of the | Public Education Committee |
| From Chair | Ryan Wheeler and Angela Labrador |
| Date | March 16, 2024 |

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.*

Note: all committee members must review the report prior to submission

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| Outgoing members, end of service at 2024 Committee business meeting:   1. Bernard Means (2021-2024, second term) 2. Melissa Zabecki (2021-2024, first term) 3. Stephanie Sperling (2021-2024, first term)   Incoming/continuing members:   1. Nikki Klarmann (2024-2027, second term) student 2. Joshua Schnell (2024-2027, second term) student 3. Amy Phillips (2024-2027, second term) 4. Jared Katz (2022-2025, first term) 5. Danielle Silverman (2022-2025, first term) student 6. Kaitlyn Davis (2022-2025, first term) student 7. Steven Filoromo (2022-2025, first term) student 8. Jessica MacLellan (2022-2025, first term) 9. Kimball Banks (2022-2025, first term) 10. Rebecca Wiewel (2023-2026, second term) 11. Jordan Dalton (2023-2026, first term) 12. Jaye Smith (2023-2026, first term) 13. Claudia Garcia Des Lauriers (2024-2027, first term) 14. Michelle Rathgaber (2024-2027, first term) 15. Kathleen Sterling (2024-2027, first term) |

1. **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.*

Note: no report should include ad hominem or denigrating comments about another party or individual. These reports are shared publicly to facilitate transparency among the organization, (such as helping future chairs understand the main policy concerns of the Committee or Task Force.)

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| * PEC members continue to be involved with the larger Network of State Coordinators and contribute to the Public Archaeology Notes newsletter and social media page. * PEC assisted with the organization of the public portion of the CRM Expo at the 2024 Annual Meeting * PEC evaluated the impact of SAA representation at the National Council for the Social Studies meeting and decided to test whether representation at the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) would better meet the goals of PEC and the SAA; helped to coordinate funding to Project Archaeology to exhibit and propose a workshop at the 2024 NIEA Convention and Trade Show * PEC members continued to review K-12 lesson plans on the SAA.org website * PEC continued to co-sponsor the SAA State Archaeology Celebration poster contest and sessions at the annual meeting * PEC met with a Native-owned PR and exhibition design firm to explore the potential for a PR campaign to counter pseudo-scientific (i.e. *Ancient Aliens*) messaging about archaeology that combined professional archaeology and Indigenous perspectives |

1. **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.*

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| PEC co-chairs are in general support of the Task Force for Decolonization’s recommended action item #4, building a “For Communities” webpage, and we are ready to rally PEC members to support this initiative if the Board approves it. |

1. **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.*

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