

Alumni News

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ACHP News

ACHP Spring Meeting

At the March business meeting, the ACHP voted to support two pieces of legislation - the Historic Preservation Enhancement Act (H.R. 6589), which would provide permanent authorization for the Historic Preservation Fund and raise the annual level of appropriations authorization from \$150 million to \$300 million. The bill's author is Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-NM), who served as Vice Chairman of the ACHP during the Obama Administration. The members also endorsed the Semiquincentennial Commemorative Coin Act (S. 2384, H.R. 4429), which authorizes coinage in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the United States.

Council members discussed climate change in Indian Country as rising sea levels, wildfires and erosion effect tribal resources. Native American Member Reno Franklin said the funding for emergency response is an issue, especially funding for GIS and mapping, and how to incorporate Traditional Knowledge into climate change responses.

ACHP Appropriations

The ACHP received its full appropriation for FY 2022. This provides essential information technology and cyber security upgrades and adds a position for a digital operations coordinator in the Office of Federal Agency Programs (OFAP). This position will work to improve electronic Section 106 procedures, both within the ACHP and for federal agencies, states, tribes, and others. The President's request for the ACHP's FY 2023 budget calls for a four percent increase over this year's funding and the



Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison congratulates John Nau on his award

Meet the 2022 Summer Interns

This year's cohort of ACHP summer interns started work on May 31. As in the past two years, the interns are working virtually with ACHP staff. Thanks to your generous contributions, the ACHP Foundation provides stipends to the interns and relies on donations for funding. If you would like to make a contribution go to https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=CAPK58AB3M8AA

Charlotte Healy is a first year Master of Urban Planning student at the University of Washington and serves on the City of Seattle Design Review Board. She will intern with the Office of Federal Agency Programs researching mitigation measures in Section 106 agreements that formalize commitments federal agencies make to resolve adverse effects.

Emily Stood is an architectural studies student at Kent State University. She will be working with the Office of Preservation Initiatives researching current preservation policy issues, such as climate change and historic preservation, and equity and inclusion and historic preservation.

Megan Veach is completing a JD and an MS in historic preservation at Roger Williams University. She will intern with the Office of the General Counsel developing best practices and lessons learned on how to assess cumulative effects in the Section 106 process based on case law and past Section 106 reviews.

Jonathan Angulo graduated from San Diego State University with a BA in History and earned an MA in History at Southern Methodist University where he will complete a Ph.D. in History in May 2023. Siena Hinshelwood is a recent graduate of Scripps College with a BA in History with a minor in Spanish. Jonathan and Siena will share a position in the Office of Communications, Education and Outreach researching and developing materials highlighting the importance and benefits of historic preservation and developing outreach and communication strategies tailored for a variety of audiences, including Congress, young audiences, preservation partners, and the general public.

Jordan Bush is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Tribal Historic Preservation at Salish Kootenai College and will work collaboratively in the Office of Native American Affairs with last year's SKC intern Ahwahnee Williams (now an ACHP employee) to develop case studies that address climate change and traditional knowledge.

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At the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission in April, *John Nau, III*, Chairman of the Texas Historical Commission, was honored with the first Julian Read Award for Philanthropy in Preservation for his leadership, vision, and generous nationwide philanthropy.

justification is posted on the ACHP website (<https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/2022-03/FY2023%20Budget%20Justification-final.pdf>). Should Congress fund it at the level requested, it will allow the ACHP to add another position—an equity officer who would help the agency address equity and diversity issues, both internal to the ACHP but also working externally with outreach, education, and assistance to help others, particularly engaged in the Section 106 process.

ACHP Summer Business Meeting

The ACHP members will convene virtually on June 29th for their next regular business meeting. If you wish to observe the meeting, you can find information on the ACHP website around June 15.

Tribal College Memorandum of Understanding

In 2018, the ACHP signed a three-year MOU with Salish Kootenai College and the ACHP Foundation. It is time to renew the MOU and lay out future objectives. The activities covered in the MOU have been successful and new ideas for the next MOU include mentoring students incorporating the ACHP members, both past and present, in ways that their expertise can benefit the students.

Chair Confirmation

The nomination of Sara Bronin to be the second full-time chair of the ACHP remains pending in the Senate. Ms. Bronin was nominated last summer and reported favorably out of committee in November, but, as with a large number of other nominations, the Senate failed to act on the confirmation before the end of the session. This required the President to resubmit the nomination, which he did in January. She was again reportedly out of committee favorably on March 8, but her nomination awaits full Senate action. Meanwhile, ACHP Vice Chair Jordan Tannenbaum continues to serve as acting Chair, supporting ONAA's traditional knowledge initiative and co-authored the ACHP's early coordination handbook. Recently, he has been serving on several committees of the White House Council on Native American Affairs.



Bob Stanton

ACHP alumni and Foundation Board member *Bob Stanton* has been appointed scholar in residence at the University of Missouri - St. Louis College of Education where he will work with the third Heritage Leadership for Sustainability, Social Justice and Participatory Culture doctoral cohort. Cohort members examine the link between natural and cultural heritage, while also grappling with the difficult topics surrounding heritage sites such as bias, ethics, privilege and trauma.

Wayne Donaldson's restoration effort and resulting preservation of a fragile 1969 Futuro was registered as A California Historical Landmark and listed in the National Register as the Donaldson Futuro. The Futuro is recognized as an example of America's collective confidence as a leader in space flight, technology advancement, and economic prosperity. The structure is also the first serially produced plastic house in California and the U.S. and the first all structural glass-reinforced polyester house in California, which became a notable icon in California space-age architecture.



California Landmark plaque with the Donaldson Futuro in the background

New Leadership at ACHP Foundation Board

At its April Meeting the ACHP Foundation Board unanimously elected members John Fowler to serve as Chairman and Susan Snell Barnes to serve as Secretary-Treasurer. John retired last year after serving 24 years as Executive Director of the ACHP. Susan served on the ACHP from 2002 through 2011 as Vice-Chairman and Expert Member. Susan and John are joined on the Foundation Board by Phil Grone, Julie King, Bob Stanton, and Jordan Tannenbaum and Luke Nichter representing the ACHP. Katherine Slick is the President.

Electric Vehicle Exemption

The ACHP is proposing an exemption to remove the Section 106 review requirements for undertakings involving the installation and placement of certain electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE). The government-wide priority identified in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 for federal fleet electrification and EVSE installation has resulted in the ACHP's decision to coordinate the proposal to ensure broad and appropriate consultation for an exemption likely to be applied across multiple federal agency programs. It will also ensure consistent consideration and application of the proposed exemption across multiple federal agency programs, and create a more targeted Section 106 review process. As currently proposed, the exemption will only apply to the installation of EVSE on federal lands and facilities as well as non-federal lands receiving federal licenses, funds, or approval. More information can be found on the ACHP's website (https://www.achp.gov/program_alternatives/exempted_categories/EVSE_proposal).