

# NOTES FROM THE FIELD

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## CURRENT 2006-2007 OFFICERS

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- Amanda Gronhova  
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- Sue Mulholland  
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- Jeremy Nienow  
*Editor*

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT—DALE MAUL

I want to take this opportunity to thank Jeremy Nienow and Mark Muniz for the wonderful symposium they put together in February. The accommodations at St. Cloud State University lent itself to a great room for the presentations and ample space for visiting. The Stearns County Historical Museum was a great location for the after hours event. If you haven't been to this museum, I recommend you visit it when you are in St. Cloud. Thanks to the Minnesota Archaeology Society for helping out with the symposium and once again having very informative material at your display table. If you are not a member of MAS, please consider joining them.

We are working on getting the website up to date and have run into some issues, but hopefully it will be up and running by the end of spring. If you haven't heard, at our last membership meeting in February in St. Cloud, the membership voted to expand the Riaz Malik Research Grant to extend beyond students. Students are the first priority, but if no students apply, it will be open to other research opportunities. If you would like more information, please contact David Mather or come to the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at Fort Snelling.

The Elden Johnson lecture on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm will be presented by Robert "Ernie" Boszhardt of the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center, La Crosse, Wisconsin. The focus of the lecture will be Rock Art in Wisconsin. This should be a very interesting lecture. I had an opportunity to review many of Ernie's photos for his Rock Art book before it went into publication and found it to be fascinating. Please plan on attending this event and supporting archaeology in the Midwest. Invite your friends, foes, and students to attend the

Eldon Johnson lecture series. Our attendance has been dwindling in the past few years and CMA is trying something new this time. We are having the lecture after our meeting, on a Saturday at the Fort Snelling History Center. We plan on having the CMA meeting, a meet and greet time, and finally the lecture. Hopefully, the new day and time will be more amenable for our membership, students, and others to attend. Furthermore, this lecture is being held during the Minnesota Archaeology week.

CMA and the board need to hear from you. Are we as a professional organization moving in the right directions? Do we advocate enough for research and the protection of Minnesota's heritage? Are there other avenues we should be reviewing regarding archaeology, history, and social sciences? We need to keep challenging ourselves to become a better, stronger organization that actively advocates for archaeology in Minnesota and the Midwest.

CMA would like to hear from you regarding studies, research, or other activities that are being undertaken. Please keep abreast of the Legacy Amendment and how it can help archaeology in Minnesota. If you need further information, please contact Pat Emerson or Scott Anfinson for details.

It is an honor for me to serve as your President of CMA. The Board and I cannot represent the membership regarding research issues and other concerns that are affecting the archaeological community without hearing from you. Please become involved in the CMA, attend meetings, and voice your opinions regarding the future of our important organization.

**CMA MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7TH 2009 MEETING****Members present:**

Pat Emerson, Jeremy Nienow, Grant Goltz, Dave Radford, Leroy Gonsior, Dale Maul, Amanda Gronhovd, Bruce Koenen, Bill Latady, Stephen Mulholland, Sue Mulholland, Steven Blondo, Tim Dalen, James Myster, Andrea Lavasser, Doug McIntyre, Steve Watson, Alan Brew, Tom Snegoski, David Mather, Rob Johnson

Dale Maul called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.

Welcome and thank you for all the work that went into the CMA Symposium.

**President's Report** No President's Report.

**Vice-President's Report**

Grant Goltz: One new membership application – Sue and Steve Mulholland nominated Jennifer Shafer for membership. Ms. Shafer is currently with the Duluth Archaeology Center. The committee reviewed her application and recommends membership. Sue Mulholland gave brief bio of Ms. Shafer: She completed Masters degree a couple years ago focusing on precontact ceramics.

Sue Mulholland made a motion that Jennifer Shafer be a full member of CMA. Al Brew seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Secretary/Treasurer Report**

Amanda Gronhovd: Minutes from previous meeting were introduced. Amanda moved to approve the minutes and Deb Gold seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report:

CMA has \$2,790.22 in checking

\$1,516.55 in savings

\$4,306.77 total

EPNA has at its discretion \$882.39

Total in CMA accounts: \$5,189.16

Amanda also noted that the CMA now has a "budget" (cash flow) to track income and expenses.

**Newsletter Editor Report**

Jeremy Nienow: Discussed savings to CMA and benefits of having the Newsletter electronically as opposed to mailing. Jeremy made a motion that the Newsletter be in electronic format only with the caveat that hard copies can be mailed if requested. Grant Goltz seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Newsletter will also be available on the website.

**Elden Johnson Lecture**

Jeremy Nienow: Ernie Boszhardt has been suggested as a speaker. Jeremy is still open to other suggestions and is also open to discussion about changing the day and time (associated with Minnesota Archaeology Week).

Steven Blondo: Could we cater a reception in conjunction with the lecture

Pat Emerson: Minnesota Archaeological Society still wants to co-sponsor the lecture.

Bruce Koenen: Archaeology Week has been shifted back (later) a week (May 9-17, 2009).

James Myster: combine the lecture with the MAS annual meeting.

## CMA MINS. CONTINUED

### Local Governments

Mark Muniz: No report at this time, but he has been thinking a lot about the committee. The committee's purpose is to conduct outreach to non-archaeologists, especially municipalities and developers. These are often entities that are not necessarily happy about having to do archaeology on their projects and thus are a "hard sell." Mark wants to use an example that shows how archaeology had been a benefit to the client (e.g. heritage tourism, etc.) Mark is looking for examples where this has occurred – not just in Minnesota, but looking nationwide and bringing that example home.

Grant Goltz: Cass County is using archaeology as their cover on the County's new master plan.

Mark: Maybe the committee could use an example from Cass County.

### Riaz Malik Award

David Mather: (Did not get an announcement sent out yet this year.) Two issues to discuss:

Do we want to expand this program to non-students?

Grant Goltz: establish a priority "to do" list. If we don't get or have an appropriate application, then we take that year's money and put it toward the top item on the list.

Jeremy: The membership supports the efforts of our committees especially as part of our mandate toward continuing research in Minnesota.

Pat Emerson: Made a motion that the Riaz Malik Award be amended to give priority to students. If no suitable student applications are submitted, then the award is open to member's research grant applications (priority given to Minnesota research). Tim Tumberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

If we want to do an award this year, special arrangements will need to be made because the award needs to be made before the end of the academic year and the CMA does not meet prior to that time.

The membership decided that if David puts out an announcement then we can make the award at the May meeting.

Jim Kunesch will not use his award because he was denied access to the archaeological site he had hoped to work at.

### Old Business

#### **Website**

Steven Blondo is working on the website. Website is going to be moved to a new host and updated (made useable).

1. Move to 1x1 as host at a cost of \$3.99 to \$4.99 per month Form a media committee for website, Newsletter, etc.

Pat Emerson: We should give Steven the authority to set up the host

Jeremy: moved that \$100 (for the year) be appropriated for moving the website. David Mather seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeremy: Moved that a Media Committee be formed consisting of the Newsletter Editor, Website Moderator/Owner, and Web master. Alan Brew seconded motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**CMA MINS. CONCLUDED****New Business*****Bois Forte Consulting***

Bill Latady: Requested that when working in the area, archaeologists and researchers contact Bois Forte to see if they know or are interested in anything in the area. Just call before you start working in the area – we're all in this together, so let's work together. The area Bois Forte is interested in is the 1854 Treaty lands and around Nett Lake. (A more expansive approach would be St. Louis and Koochiching Counties.) – also around the Deer Creek Reservation area.

***Legacy Fund***

Pat Emerson: Legacy funding passed in November. This might impact cultural resources – “cultural heritage” fund. Minnesota history is also now mentioned in the state constitution.

When the question arose as to who should represent archaeology, the CMA was asked to be a sponsor. The CMA Board made Pat Emerson the CMA representative at the Legacy Fund meetings. Pat attended some of the public meetings and archaeology has entered the conversation. The Legislature has formed committees (the House committee is the Cultural and Outdoor Resource Committee). Right now the legislature is trying to set up a mechanism for distributing this money. The potential for funding is huge – possibly \$50 million for the arts and history. Pat wants everyone to come up with a project proposal and a dollar amount to potentially go to the legislature. Email Pat a paragraph-long abstract in “plain English” describing proposed project.

***Two Points Site***

Grant Goltz discussed the importance of the Two Points site.

**Adjournment**

Sue Mulholland moved to adjourn the meeting and Pat Emerson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**RIAZ MALIK RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM—MAY 1ST EXTENSION**

From the CMA—Listserve!

The Riaz Malik Research Grant Program has decided to extend the deadline for applications until May 1st.

Please forward all questions, comments, etc. to the Committee Chair David Mather:

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## 2009 ELDEN JOHNSON DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

# Rock Art of the Upper Mississippi River Valley's Driftless Area

Presented by:

Robert "Ernie" Boszhardt

Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> @ Fort Snelling

Reception/Welcome 4:30 – 5:30 pm / Lecture begins at 6:00 pm

The unglaciated Driftless Area of southwestern Wisconsin and southeastern Minnesota is a unique Midwestern landscape that was occupied by Native Americans for nearly 12,000 years. This region harbors more caves and rockshelters than any surrounding area until one reaches the Ozarks. In the past two decades several important rock art discoveries have been made in the Driftless Area, including the glyphs drawn in the dark zones of deep caves. These depict birds, deer, bow hunters and abstract symbols. Efforts have focused on recording and preserving these rare and fragile finds, while interpretation and direct dating have been initiated. This lecture will present an overview of the history of rock art research in the Driftless Area, and summarize the recent deep cave finds as well as unfortunate examples of very recent vandalism to the irreplaceable works of art.

Copies of the book *Deep Cave Rock Art* will also be available from the author.

## Robert "Ernie" Boszhardt

Mr. Boszhardt is the Associate Director/Contracts Director and Regional Archaeologist at the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center (MVAC) on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. He received a Bachelors degree in Anthropology from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1977, and a Masters Degree in Anthropology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1982. He has directed numerous surveys and excavations in the unglaciated Driftless Area and Upper Mississippi River Valley and published over 50 articles on a wide range of regional archaeology topics. Beyond these, he has also authored three books including *Twelve Millennia: Archaeology of the Upper Mississippi River Valley* (U Iowa Press) and produced three documentary-educational videos : *Battle at Bad Axe*, *Mounds of the Upper Mississippi River Valley* and *Archaeology at Perrot State Park*. He is past Chair of the La Crosse County Historic Sites Commission and President of the Wisconsin Archaeological Survey, and currently serves on the Wisconsin Burial Sites Board (former chair), as Secretary of the Midcontinental Archaeological Conference, and is President-Elect of the Wisconsin Archaeological Society.

For additional information contact Jeremy Nienow

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## DOT RELEASES WOODLAND CONTEXT FOR COMMENT

The MN Dot has released for CMA comment the Minnesota Statewide Multiple Property Documentation Form for the Woodland Tradition completed last year by Connie Arzigian of MVAC. The steering committee for the MPDF, which took two years to complete, included Dave Mather, Scott Anfinson, Mike Michlovic and Mn/DOT CRU staff.

A pdf version is available at [http://www.dot.state.mn.us/environment/cultural\\_res/woodlandtradition.html](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/environment/cultural_res/woodlandtradition.html)

The purpose of the MPDF is to provide a basis for the evaluation of a site containing a Woodland component or components for eligibility or listing in the National Register of Historic Places. It does this by establishing Registration Requirements for eligibility for various property types (Section F). Also included in the MPDF are Statements of Historic Context for 10 complexes (Section E), including major research questions for each one. Section E also includes other background information and a number of statewide research themes that transcend the various complexes.

This study did not include evaluations of the registration requirements for any of the property types by testing them with known sites or nominating a site to the National Register using the MPDF. We are now trying to secure funding for such a study beginning July 1, 2009.

They are distributing the MPDF at this time to solicit any comments you may have. Your comments can address any aspect of the document. We are especially interested in your evaluations of the Registration Requirements since these are directly used to determine if a site is eligible for listing. If you know of any sites that would be good candidates to be nominated to the National Register, please contact me. These would be sites that have been extensively excavated, either as part of the Section 106 process or for some research purpose. The excavations should be fully reported, or reported enough to apply the registration requirements.

They are also interested in testing the Registration Requirements (no nominations) by looking at a number of Phase II excavations with different property types that did not result in a mitigation or data recovery, possibly because the site was avoided or the project was later dropped. *If you know of any sites that might be used in this test, Craig Johnson would welcome your suggestions.*

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## PASSPORT IN TIME VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

From: Andrea LeVasseur  
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Chippewa National Forest

Chippewa National Forest will host a Passport in Time volunteer archeological excavation from July 13 to 31. Shovel testing completed thus far indicates that the Portage Creek East site was occupied during the earliest Woodland period using the Brainerd ceramic style, which may extend from 3000 years ago in the Mississippi headwaters region. Earlier or later components may yet be identified. It is an unusual site in that it is situated along a creek bed rather than a lake shore. We will answer questions about when, why and how people used this area and add to our knowledge of changing environmental conditions and how people responded to them. Volunteers will excavate portions of the site to provide data that will assist in evaluating National Register eligibility. Work will include trowel and shovel excavation, screening, completing forms, sketch mapping, taking notes and photographs, and collecting samples. Forest campgrounds and motels are available in Cass Lake, and Bemidji. Campground fees may be waived for the days you volunteer. Volunteers must provide their own food. If you'd like to participate, please sign up at [www.passportintime.com](http://www.passportintime.com) by May 11.

## 2009 UMN FIELD SCHOOL

UMD will again offer an archaeological field school during summer session of 2009. The 6 credit course will be 6 weeks in June and July (dates to be established) under the direction of Dr. Susan Mulholland. Field work includes both survey and excavation projects to teach a range of archaeological techniques. Archaeological objectives and perspectives of both the research and management orientations are stressed.

Field projects will focus on areas near Duluth. The Reservoir Lakes have long provided evidence of human occupation from the Paleoindian to Historic; additional survey and evaluation will add to the current knowledge of this use. The Bay View Forest project is a long-term survey of areas on Glacial Lake Duluth shoreline features in West Duluth. Three sites have been found so far. The Whiskey Row data recovery in Two Harbors may also be included, depending on the schedule of public archaeology opportunities in that project.

Registration is through the University of Minnesota Duluth Department of Sociology & Anthropology. Students are responsible for lodging and meals; camping facilities may be available. Transportation may be provided, depending on grant funding.

For more information, call 218-624-5489 or email [suemulholland@aol.com](mailto:suemulholland@aol.com); inquiries welcome!

## MHS PROPOSED SITE CLOSINGS!

If you have not heard the news the MHS has proposed to close the North West Company Fur Post and two other sites to deal with the Governor's budget proposal.

This is not a done deal!

This is what will happen if the Governor's budget is enacted.

You can effect the outcome of this process, by calling, writing or emailing your Senator and Representative at the State Capitol.

To find your representatives at the state capitol go to this link: <http://www.gis.leg.mn/mapserver/districts/>

Please share this with friends and family. <<http://www.mnhs.org/varietyshow>>

Cheers,  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Council for Minnesota Archaeology  
Minnesota Archaeology Week  
Spring Meeting**

**Saturday, May 9th, 2008  
3 pm  
Fort Snelling**

This year's meeting will take place again during MAW opening weekend out at the fort prior to the Elden Talk!

Please help make this meeting the strongly attended membership event that it traditionally has been!

**2009 Elden Johnson  
Distinguished Lecturer Series**

**Robert (Ernie) Boszhardt  
Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center**

**Saturday, May 9th  
6pm**

**Fort Snelling History Center  
Reception prior to start and just after CMA  
Spring Meeting!**

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