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ESRAC 2009—A GREAT SUCCESS!

The 2009 Eastern States Rock Art Conference was held March 27-29 at Red Top Mountain State Park near Cartersville, Georgia. Despite a bit of soggy weather, conference participants spent an enjoyable Friday touring several prehistoric rock art sites in the surrounding Atlanta area. Saturday brought a number of interesting papers on a wide variety of current rock art research

in which several important business needs were addressed. A very nice dinner was served Saturday evening at the Lodge, and then participants had the opportunity to listen to a fascinating presentation entitled "The Mystery of the Coosa Plate" given by Jim Langford. To cap off



ESRAC field trip to Sprayberry Rock

prentice Alan). Gauging from the number of smiles seen, and amount of laughter heard throughout the room, it was an affair enjoyed by all. A great many thanks to all of the ESRARA members who helped plan, organize, and carry out this wonderful event. Preliminary planning for ESRAC 2011 has already begun, so look forward to more information in upcoming newsletters.



Red Top Mountain State Park Lodge

being carried out throughout the eastern United States, as well as a very productive general meeting

the evening the ever popular, ESRAC auction was held, facilitated by "Colonels" Jim and Charlie (and new ap-

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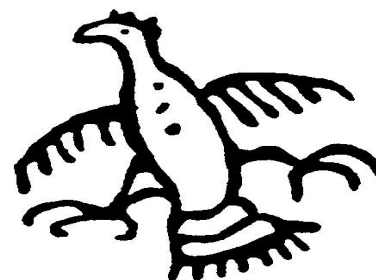
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MEMBERSHIP DUES UPDATE

ESRARA membership dues have recently been restructured in order to offer a new Life Membership category. This action was proposed and approved at the most recent Board meeting held at ESRAC. The updated annual dues schedule is as follows:

Regular Membership - \$15

Joint/Family Membership - \$20

Life Membership - \$250

Member dues are an integral part of fulfilling the mission of ESRARA. Your contributions are used to sponsor publications, conferences, educational and conservation projects. Please note the status of your dues on the mailing label of this newsletter. Dues payments can be mailed to:

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www.esrara.org

Thank you in advance!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Happy (But Wet) Spring to All!

I am going to use this President's Message to summarize several developments that occurred at the biennial ESRARA meetings at Red Top Mountain State Park in Georgia. I also would like to thank Tommy and Marilyn Hudson for organizing these meetings in what turned out to be a great venue immediately outside of Atlanta.

First, and most importantly, ESRARA is moving forward with incorporating as a non-profit organization in Illinois. Incorporation will allow us to apply for grants, obtain tax-exempt status from the IRS, and most importantly, to establish a permanent archives for the curation of photographs, drawings, and other records related to rock art research in the eastern United States. Once we are incorporated as a non-profit, members will be able to donate their records to the organization in return for a tax-write off. Exactly how this process will work and how the values of collections will be determined is something we will find out as we proceed with this process. Board member Heather Carey is handling the incorporation process in Illinois and has found an attorney (who has an undergraduate degree in anthropology and archaeology!) who is willing to be the corporation lawyer. We are moving forward rapidly on this issue and I expect that ESRARA will be incorporated by the end of summer.

Second, as part of the incorporation process, ESRARA has to have a set of by-laws approved by the membership before we can incorporate. The ESRARA constitution, which has been in a draft form for a number of years, was revised into a final set of by-laws by the ESRARA Board at the Georgia meetings and submitted to the membership for approval. It was approved by unanimous vote at the general meeting and we now have a functioning set of by-laws.

Third, Vice-President Jan Simek has approached the University of Tennessee at Knoxville Library regarding the establishment of a permanent ESRARA archives at that institution. The Library was very receptive to this idea, with establishment of the archives hinging on ESRARA becoming a not-for-profit corporation. By doing so, ESRARA can accept donations of rock-art research related materials from members that it can then house at the ESRARA archives at the UTK Library. In this way ownership of the archives will rest with ESRARA, not the library, and we can place restrictions on the types of materials that researchers can look at. Site location information, for example, could be restricted in order to protect rock art sites from individuals who might harm or damage them in some way. This type of restriction could not be done if ownership of the archives rested with the UTK Library rather than ESRARA.



James D. Hoskins Library at UT-Knoxville

Fourth, we have a new board position—Corporate Affairs Manager—and a new Board member—Heather Carey of the USDA Forest Service—who was elected to that position. The role of this board officer is to oversee the corporate affairs of ESRARA including the submittal of any annual reports or other records required by the state of Illinois. As I noted earlier, Heather has begun pushing the incorporation process forward and we should be incorporated in the near future.

Best Regards,
Mark Wagner
ESRARA President

ESRAC 2009 PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

"Iconographic Themes in Missouri Rock Art" by Carol Diaz-Granados, Ph.D, Washington University

In surveying the petroglyphs and pictographs of Missouri, a number of motifs and themes stand out. By examining both the motifs and their combinations, along with a careful study of the ethnographic record, it is possible to extract meaning from these ancient images. This presentation will review a selection of the most prominent (i.e. frequently occurring), and some of the more rare, but iconographically laden, images.

"Emerging from the Earth-the Genesis of Western Mississippian Iconography" by James R. Duncan, Lindenwood University

This report will trace the images of principal supernatural beings from their earliest dated (AMS) context to their manifestations recorded during the historic period. This study will expand recent work by key iconographers that demonstrate conclusively that this supernatural imagery is part of a continuum extending back in time. Surprisingly, a portion of this imagery is still recognized by a small group of contemporary Dhegiha who use it in their Native American church.

"Nantucket's Altar Rock" by Nancy Gibbs, West Milford, NJ.

No abstract.

"Prehistoric Stone Constructions in North Georgia—An Overview" by Tommy Hudson, Geo-Enviro Engineering, Inc., Canton, GA

I have been recording rock art in north Georgia for more than 35 years. During my travels to these sites, local informants would sometimes ask me to look at a stone pile or stone wall that they thought might be prehistoric. I would take a photo, or some notes, then dismiss the stone construction as the "work of a farmer", as was common in archaeological circles. About fifteen years ago, I realized I had over forty of these sites. The patterns of construction and the reasons for particular placement of the stone piles on the landscape began to emerge as more than "farmer's constructions". This presentation is an overview of the site types and their characteristics, along with my interpretation of the purpose of these prehistoric stone pile and wall constructions and their relationship with the tri-level cosmos.

"Mythic Creatures: Serpents, Dragons, and Sea Monsters in Northeastern Rock Art" by Edward J. Lenik

Serpentine images carved into non-portable rock surfaces and on portable artifacts were invested with ideological and cultural significance by American Indian people in the Northeast. These images occur on bedrock outcrops located along the shores of lakes, the banks of rivers, seaside bays, low hills, and mountains. Serpentine images have also been engraved into utilitarian and non-utilitarian artifacts such as tools, ornaments, pebbles, and on small, flat stones. They appear on wood and bark, and as facial tattoos on an 18th century Mohican Indian and on a portrait of a Delaware Indian. These various images are described and an interpretation of their origin, age, and meaning is presented.

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"The Meaning of Place on the Landscape of Rock Art in Southern New England" by Dan Lynch, Soil Sight LLC, Providence, RI.

The location of rock art on the landscape is of central concern to this study. Generally, rock art sites located in the Narragansett Bay Drainage are found in similar geological context within the span of the Rhode Island Formation. Furthermore, all of the sites are located in a similar environmental setting within the Narragansett/Bristol lowland ecoregion. More specifically, rock art sites within the region are found in the inter-tidal zone at the interface between the air, land and water. Local sea-level rise data are used in an attempt to relatively date these sites. Ethnohistorical and folklore records suggest that some stone outcrops and boulders located in the inter-tidal zone are imbued with feminine meaning to local Native American groups. It is argued that using a multi-scalar, landscape approach at these particular sites can mitigate some of the pitfalls previously encountered by other researchers that only engaged in panel or glyph level analysis.

"Propped and Pedestaled Boulders in the Northeast" by Norman Muller, Lawrenceville, NJ

The Northeast U.S. has an abundance of glacially-deposited boulders, many of which are either propped (partially supported by a single stone at one end) or pedestaled (completely supported by two or more smaller stones). Geologists and historians have generally concluded that all examples are of natural origin, having been deposited by the last glacier advance millennia ago. However, there are impressive examples that were definitely manipulated by man, and this presentation will investigate some of them, demonstrating that they occur not just in the Northeast U.S., but are found across the northern hemisphere, into Scandinavia and Russia. They can be viewed as a type of ancient sculptural form, perhaps intended to impress and to mimic natural formations. One example has been found forty feet down in an Ontario lake, and is thought to be between 7000 and 9000 years old.

"Prehistoric Rock Art Research in Tennessee-2008" by Jan Simek (Univ. of Tenn.-Knoxville), Joseph Douglas (Volunteer State Community College), Sarah C. Sherwood (Sewanee-The Univ. of the South), Sarah A. Blankenship (Univ. of Tenn.-Knoxville), Randy Boedy (U.S. Forest Service), Erik Kreusch (National Park Service), Tom des Jean (National Park Service), and Alan Cressler (U.S. Geological Survey).

2008 was a very productive year for the University of Tennessee Cave Archaeology Research Team and its friends. Seven new Tennessee prehistoric rock art sites, two in caves and five in the open, were discovered by the UT CART working with colleagues from the University of the South, Volunteer State Community College, and the National Park Service. New data were also obtained on several other already-known cave art sites. In this presentation, we will briefly describe these new sites, along with one site in Kentucky, and provide updates on a few other caves where new data are available.

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“Stone Mountain Memorials” by Denise Smith, Savannah College of Design, Atlanta, GA

Stone Mountain hovers at the edge of the modern city of Atlanta, GA. This granite monolith has long served as a physical and visual boundary marker. Since European incursion into the area, it has also served as a memorial to lost loved ones. This paper will present on-going research at Stone Mountain, and how it serves as a boundary marker between geographic spaces and, more importantly, between this world and the next.

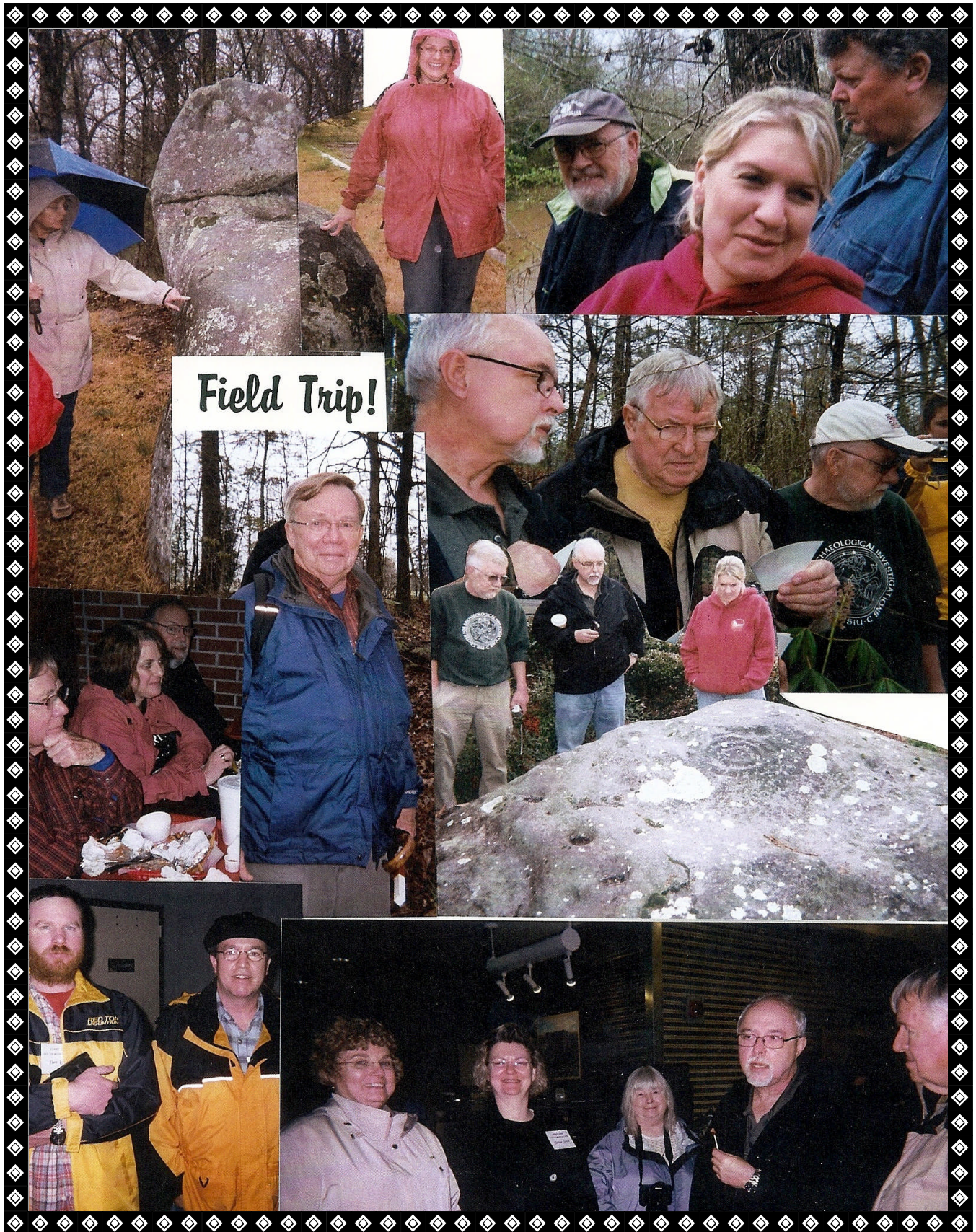
“Chronological and Geographic Factors in the Assessment of America’s Earliest Rock Art” by Jack Steinbring

The distribution and purported timing of some early American rock art is examined in light of geophysical factors. An attempt is made to establish a chronology of form and to assess the dynamics leading to it.

“Mississippian Cosmology and Identity at the Millstone Bluff Site in Southern Illinois” by Mark Wagner and Mary McCorvie, Carbondale, IL.

Millstone Bluff is a Mississippian period (A.D. 1275-1450) village located on a mesa-like bluff with three associated rock art panels. Repeating patterns of motif elements within, as well as symbolic oppositions between the three groups, indicate that in combination they comprise a symbolic cross and circle design. This cosmogram expresses the belief of the Millstone Bluff villagers in the multi-directional spiritual universe of the late prehistoric and historic period Native American peoples of the southeastern part of the United States that was divided into Upper and Under World realms (cross) as well as the totality of that same universe (circle).

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ADOPTION OF NEW BYLAWS

Editor's Note—The draft constitution of ESRARA was recently revised into a set of by-laws necessary to incorporate within the state of Illinois. This revision eliminated unclear language, eliminated duplicate sections, and added a corporate affairs manager board position. The revised bylaws were submitted to the membership for approval at the ESRARA 2009 General meeting and were approved.

Bylaws of the Eastern States Rock Art Research Association (ESRARA)

Article 1. Organizational Objectives. The name is the Eastern States Rock Art Research Association, and is also known by the acronym ESRARA, as it is called hereafter.

Article 2. Organizational Objectives. The object and purposes of ESRARA are:

- 2.1 To promote the study, protection, preservation, and appreciation of rock art;
- 2.2 to promote inclusion of First Peoples in the study and interpretation of prehistoric rock art;
- 2.3 to provide a forum for the dissemination of research findings in the field of rock art studies;
- 2.4 to facilitate communication and contact with individuals and agencies in related fields;
- 2.5 and to facilitate communication and contact with international organizations and individuals possessing similar interests, through membership in the International Federation of Rock Art Organizations (IFRAO).

Article 3. Membership of ESRARA. The conditions applicable to membership of ESRARA are:

- 3.1 The members of ESRARA shall consist of Full Members (including Life Members and Institutional Members), and Subsidized/Reciprocal/Gratis Members.
- 3.2 An application for membership of ESRARA shall be made in writing to the Treasurer (or other officer initially), on the prescribed membership form.
- 3.3 Membership of ESRARA shall be contingent upon payment of an annual membership fee; or in the case of Subscribing Members of an annual subscription fee; or in the case of Life Membership of a single Lifetime Membership fee.
- 3.4 Applications for Subsidized/Reciprocal/Gratis Members shall be received and considered by members of the Executive Committee.
- 3.5 A member of ESRARA may resign from the association at any time by way of a written notice of resignation.
- 3.6 A right, privilege, or obligation of a person by virtue of membership cannot be transferred to another person and terminates upon cessation of membership.
- 3.7 Members of ESRARA are not liable to contribute towards payment of liabilities of the association.
- 3.8 The Executive Committee may expel a member of ESRARA if, in the opinion of the Committee, the member has been guilty of conduct detrimental to the Mission and interests of ESRARA.
- 3.9 Expulsion of a member does not take effect until the expiration of 14 days after notice has been served, unless the member exercises the right to appeal, in which case the expulsion shall be decided upon by the first general meeting thereafter.

- 3.10 Expulsion for non-payment of fees is not subject to approval by the Executive Committee of appeal; and
- 3.11 Official notification to the membership may be transmitted by mail or electronic media.

Article 4. Officers of ESRARA. The officers of ESRARA shall be subject to these rules:

- 4.1 Elected officers shall be elected by the membership and consist of the President, the Vice-President (s), the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Corporate Affairs Manager; and serve for a term of two(2) years.
- 4.2 Elected officers shall hold office until the general meeting of ESRARA next after their date of election, but are eligible for re-election.
- 4.3 Appointed officers shall be the Managing Editor, the Regional Editors, the Archivist, the Web Development Chair, the Meeting Chair (s), and any consultants or members of committees appointed from time to time.
- 4.4 The Managing Editor, the Regional Editors, the Archivist, the Web Development Chair, the Meeting Chair (s), and any consultants or members of committees appointed from time to time shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the elected officials for a term of four (4) years, at which time they can be reappointed by the elected officers.
- 4.5 Appointed officers shall hold office until they resign in writing, cease to be members of ESRARA, or may be removed from office by majority vote of the elected officials.
- 4.6 The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers. An Advisory Board will include the Executive Committee , plus the Managing Editor, the Regional Editors, the Archivist, the Web Development Chair, the Meeting Chair (s), and any consultants or members of committees appointed from time to time.
- 4.7 In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the Executive Committee, the same may appoint a member of ESRARA to fill the vacancy until the following general meeting.
- 4.8 Only paid members of ESRARA may be elected or appointed officers. This rule Is not applicable to consultants.
- 4.9 Officers of ESRARA may not receive payment for their services.
- 4.10 The President shall represent ESRARA to the public, other organizations, and individuals.
- 4.11 The Vice-President (s) shall assist the President in his or her duties and powers, which he or she shall assume in the event of the President's absence or incapacity.
- 4.12 The Secretary shall keep a detailed record of minutes of meetings; maintain and update the membership roster; send notices to those delinquent in payment of dues; prepare press releases; conduct the general correspondence of behalf of ESRARA; prepare annual reports; and perform duties as determined. The Secretary shall assume the duties and powers of the President in the event of both t the President's and Vice-President's absence or incapacity.
- 4.13 The Corporate Affairs Manager shall manage the corporate records of ESRARA, and be responsible, along with the President and/or legally mandated agent, for managing all lawfully required records and reports.
- 4.14 The Treasurer shall keep true and faithful records of ESRARA' s financial transactions, present a financial statement listing assets and liabilities to the membership at each general meeting, and maintain a register of Members, in conjunction with the Secretary's membership roster.

- 4.15 The Managing Editor shall appoint Regional newsletter editors and keep apprised of Regional Editors organizational activities and issues related to rock art research in general.
- 4.16 The Regional editors shall be responsible for the timely publication of the ESRARA newsletter, and for maintaining a high scholarly standard in relation to the content of the newsletter. Should a Regional editor be unable to fulfill his/her duties, the Managing Editor will find a replacement, or produce the newsletter in the interim.
- 4.17 The Archivist shall maintain a catalogue of the library of ESRARA, including published and unpublished materials, photographs, and other visual materials, film, video, and digitized material, and acts as an information resource on behalf of ESRARA.
- 4.18 The members of any committee shall be appointed, after consultation with the remainder of the Executive Committee, by the President of ESRARA. Committee size and terms of reference shall be determined in consultation with the Executive Committee.
- 4.19 Consultants may be appointed by the Executive Committee as deemed necessary. Their responsibilities, tenure, and activities shall be specified at the time of their appointment.
- 4.20 It shall be acceptable for one officer to hold more than one office at a time, having been duly elected and/or appointed. Elected officers are prohibited from holding more than one elected position at a time.

Article 5. Income and Property. The following shall apply to the income and property of ESRARA:

- 5.1 Income, however trivial, shall be applied solely toward the promotion of the objects and purposes of ESRARA, however derived, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly; by dividend, bonus, or otherwise, to any member of ESRARA.
- 5.2 ESRARA shall not appoint a person to any office to the holder of which there is payable any compensation by way of salary, fees, or allowances (other than payment of approved out-of-pocket expenses).
- 5.3 The Treasurer of ESRARA shall, on behalf of the association, receive all monies paid to it, and deposit them in a bank account.
- 5.4 Except with the authority of the Executive Committee, no payment shall be made from the funds of ESRARA otherwise than by drawn on the associations bank account.
- 5.5 Once in each financial year the accounts of ESRARA shall be available for examination to all Full Members.
- 5.6 If upon dissolution of ESRARA there remains any property whatsoever, the same shall be transferred to some other institution (s) having objectives similar to ESRARA, to be agreed upon by the Executive Committee.
- 5.7 The financial year of ESRARA is the one-year period beginning with the first day of January in each year.

Article 6. General Meetings. The following shall apply to the general meetings of ESRARA:

- 6.1 General meetings shall be held at intervals of at least two years, as such date and venue as determined by the Executive Committee.
- 6.2 The date and venue of any general meeting shall be announced at least twelve (12) months prior to the planned date of the event.

6.3 The ordinary business of a general meeting shall be:

- (a) to confirm the minutes of the last preceding general meeting; and
- (b) to receive the reports of the Executive Committee Officers; and
- (c) to elect the Officers of ESRARA; and
- (d) to receive the reports of any appointed committees or consultants.

6.4 In addition to the general meeting, special meetings may be convened by an Officer at other regional meetings at which there is a quorum of Executive Committee members.

6.5 All business that is transacted at a general meeting of ESRARA and all business that is transacted at an occasional meeting, shall be deemed to be special business.

6.6 No item of business shall be transacted at a general meeting of ESRARA unless a quorum of members is present at the time.

6.7 The quorum of a general meeting of ESRARA shall be Full Members in attendance at the meeting; and

6.8 The quorum for meetings of the Executive Committee shall be three (3).

Article 7. Elections. Elections shall be conducted in accordance with these rules:

7.1 Each Full Member or Committee Member has only one vote and all votes shall be given in person (except Elections as allowed in clause 8.7).

7.2 Nominations of candidates for election as officers of ESRARA shall be made in writing and indicate that the candidate's consent has been obtained, and nominations shall be delivered to the Managing Editor.

7.3 If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected, and further nominations shall be requested at the general meeting.

7.4 If the number of nominations equals the number of vacancies the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected.

7.5 If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies, a ballot shall be held in such usual and proper manner as the Executive Committee may direct.

7.6 A question arising at a meeting of ESRARA shall be determined on a show of hands and unless before or on the declaration of the results of the show of hands a poll is demanded, a declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has been carried or lost, and an entry to that effect in the minute book of ESRARA shall be evidence of the fact.

7.7 In the case of an equality of votes on a question the chairperson of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.

7.8 A motion put to a vote shall be carried if it has the support of more than half of the voting body.

Article 8. ESRARA Committees. Committees of ESRARA shall be subject to these rules:

8.1 Meetings of the Executive Committee or any appointed committee may be convened by any three (3) committee members, after notice of at least two months has been given to all members of the committee

8.2 No business shall be transacted unless a quorum of three (3) is present at any meeting of the Executive Committee.

- 8.3 Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be chaired by the President, or in his or her absence the Vice-President or Secretary.
- 8.4 Questions arising at meetings of the Executive Committee or any appointed committee shall be determined by a show of hands, but consultants who are not members of ESRARA shall not be entitled to vote.
- 8.5 Meetings of appointed committees shall be chaired by a member appointed by the President.
- 8.6 Committees for specific purposes, including, but not limited to the Education Committee, Preservation/Protection Committee, and Central Repository Committee, may be established by the President after consultation with the remainder of the Executive Committee.
- 8.7 Where specific questions being addressed at a meeting of any committee have been pre-circulated among committee members, voting by proxy is permissible where a member being present tables written instructions from the absent member. The absent member's instructions for proxy voting shall stipulate whether the proxy authorization covers all questions at the meeting or is restricted to specific questions. In the latter case, the specific questions covered shall be clearly defined.

Article 9. Membership Ethics. Members of ESRARA shall observe a professional code of ethics in keeping with the Association's Mission and Objective's.

Article 10. Publications. Publications of ESRARA shall be subject to these rules:

- 10.1 ESRARA shall publish the ESRARA Newsletter under the supervision of the Managing Editor. The Newsletter shall be received by all Full Members, Life Members, Institutional Members, Subscribing Members, and Subsidized/Reciprocal/Gratis Members.
- 10.2 The ESRARA Newsletter shall include but not be limited to research reports, meeting notices, and articles of general interest. It may not contain any previously published articles, or parts of articles, cartoons, etc. without the written permission from the agency originally publishing the piece in question. Permission must be obtained by the Managing Editor or Regional Editor prior to Newsletter publication.
- 10.3 From time to time, ESRARA shall publish, under the supervision of the Managing Editor, special publications of interest to the membership, in keeping with the mission and objectives of the Association.
- 10.4 When required, the Managing Editor, in consultation with the remainder of the Executive Committee, shall appoint special committees to address specific publication projects, or appoint editors for specific volumes.

Article 11. By-Law Amendments. Amendments to these by-laws shall be subject to the following rule (s):

- 11.1 These by-laws may be changed, altered, or amended in the following manner– the Executive Committee may , at its own discretion or upon petition by ten (10) members of the organization, initiate changes, alterations, or amendments to these by-laws, which changes, alterations, or amendments will become effective upon a majority vote of the membership present at an officially called general meeting, providing a legal quorum is constituted.



ESRAC field trip to Owl Rock



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of 1 January 2008	\$2,604.63
<i>Income:</i>	
Certificate of Deposit (purchased 2007)	\$6,500.00
Interest	\$ 236.67
Dues	\$1,250.00
<i>Expenditures:</i>	
Web Hosting Fee	-\$ 120.00
Newsletters	-\$ 658.42
Misc. (postage, checks, etc.)	-\$ 20.47
Balance as of 31 December 2008	\$9,792.41
<i>Breakout of Funds:</i>	
General Funds	\$7,761.16
Publication Funds	\$2,031.25

Eastern States Rock Art Research Association

HAVE YOU RECENTLY...

- WRITTEN ANY ARTICLES PERTAINING TO ROCK ART?
- PHOTOGRAPHED OR VISITED ANY NEW ROCK SITES?
- PARTICIPATED IN OR DIRECTED A FIELD PROJECT RELATED TO ROCK ART?

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