



American Cultural Resources Association
A Professional Business Organization

Dear Federal Preservation Specialist:

The American Cultural Resources Association (ACRA) is celebrating its Tenth Anniversary in the city where we began, Washington D.C. on November 11, 2005. ACRA is the national trade association of private sector cultural resource consulting firms. Our mission is to promote the professional, ethical and business practices of the cultural resources industry, including all of its affiliated disciplines, for the benefit of the resources, the public, and the members of the association.

We sponsor a listserv you may have heard about, ACRA-L; and since our inception in 1995, we have been active in supporting legislation and regulations that have protected and enhanced the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, among other activities. This spring and summer for example, ACRA took the lead in working closely with Preservation Action, the National Trust, SHA, SAA, and NCSHPO and attended hearings and meetings of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Department of Interior on Capitol Hill and elsewhere in support of Section 106. A delegation of ACRA members visited Washington and lobbied the members of the House Subcommittee on Parks where amendments to the act were being contemplated, and we started and supported a fax campaign by our members and members of state archaeological and professional societies to let the subcommittee know how we felt about the recently proposed amendments.

One of the reasons we are holding our meeting in Washington is so that federal preservation specialists can have the opportunity to learn about us and what we are doing. To that end we are offering a greatly reduced one day registration fee for federal employees to attend our meeting on Friday, November 11. The accompanying program gives you an idea of what we have planned. Registration includes lunch at the Monaco Hotel. Access by metro is easy and convenient.

To find out more about ACRA and our conference, please visit our website at <http://www.acra-crm.org>. To register, please follow the links on our site, and be sure to select the FEDERAL Employee ONE DAY Rate. Presently this is \$95.00. On October 7, it will increase to \$110.00. And of course, you can register for the entire conference, as well.

If you are involved in contracting with the private sector, this is your chance to learn about contracting from the contractor's point of view, to meet ethical and committed contractors, and learn how we can help you protect our common national heritage.

I look forward to seeing you in Washington. And please don't forget that registration fees go up on Oct 7.

Sincerely

Tom Wheaton
Executive Director

PS Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns at 770 498 4155 or at tomwheaton@newsouthassoc.com.

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Richard Grubb and Associates
Metcalf Archaeological Consultant**

-Preliminary Program-

Thursday November 10

**8:00AM-12:00PM Workshop (Athens Ballroom) (Nellie Longworth)
Government Relations Issues and Techniques
Working with Other Organizations
Government Relations at the State Level**

10:00-10:30 AM Sponsored Break

12:00-1:30PM Committee Roundtable Luncheons (Paris Ballroom)

2:00-5:00PM Breakout Groups and Visits

TRACK 1 Group Capitol Hill Visits (transportation provided)

Organized Visits with Congressional and Federal Agency Staff in small groups led by experienced ACRA members.

TRACK 2 Breakout Session (Athens Ballroom)

Ethics Panel (Jeff Altschul)

5:30-6:30PM Complimentary Wine Hour (Monaco Lounge)

7:00-9:00PM Cash Bar Reception (Union Station)

Friday November 11

**8:00AM-5:30PM (Paris Ballroom and Foyer)
ACRA Display Tables***

**8:00-8:30AM Plenary Session (Paris Ballroom)
Welcome and Introduction to the Plenary Session**

**8:30-10:00AM Plenary Session (Paris Ballroom)
The Role of the Federal Government In Cultural Resource Management
in the New Millenium
(speakers to be announced)**

10:00-10:30AM Sponsored Break

10:30AM-12:00PM Plenary Session (Paris Ballroom)

Whither ACRA? A panel discussion of where we have been and where we are headed (Ian Burrow)

Ian Burrow (President)
Karen Hartgen (President Elect)
Chris Dore (Past President)
Mike Polk (ex-President)
Kevin Pape (ex-President)
Tom Wheaton (Executive Director)

12:00-1:30PM Awards Luncheon (Athens Ballroom)

2:00-5:30PM Breakout Sessions (Paris and Athens Ballrooms)

TRACK 1 Business Breakout Sessions

Legal Affairs (Speakers from the Venable Law Firm) (Joe Shull)

Labor Law

Intellectual Property

Liability

Contracts

International Private Sector (Gerry Wait)

Gifford Partners (UK)

Intrasis (Sweden)

EMCSA (Mexico)

Field Archaeology Specialists (UK)

How to Keep Good Employees (ACRA member panel) (Jo Reese)

TRACK 2 Current Events Breakout Session

(Topics will depend on what is happening in Washington, and will include speakers from appropriate federal agencies and congressional offices.)

4:00-4:30PM Sponsored Break

5:30-6:30PM Complimentary Wine Hour (Monaco Lounge)

DINNER on your own at nearby restaurants (suggestions provided)

Saturday November 12

9:00AM-8:30PM POST CONFERENCE TOUR (Jeanne Ward) Bus tour of southern Maryland including St. Mary's City, the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Lab, and Mount Calvert. Box lunches, entrances and transportation included. Limited space. Dinner at Stoney's Restaurant, price not included. The cost of the tour is \$50.00.

Conference Registration

To register, go to the ACRA website, <http://www.acra-crm.org>, and click on the Conference link or go directly to

<http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaaid=90189>

We accept Visa, Mastercard, and American Express. Remember the Federal Employee rate is \$95.00 rising to \$110.00 on October 7.



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