President Appoints Lynne Sebastian to Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

WASHINGTON, D.C.—President Barack Obama has announced his intention to appoint Lynne Sebastian, Ph.D., of Santa Fe, N.M., to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) as an Expert Member.

“Dr. Sebastian, as an archaeologist, anthropologist, and long-term cultural resource management practitioner, is well-suited to help guide the government’s national historic preservation practices as the ACHP reaches the milestone of a half-century of existence,” said Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, ACHP chairman. “The ACHP’s mission of promoting the preservation and appreciation of the nation’s diverse cultural heritage will be greatly aided by Dr. Sebastian’s expertise.”

Sebastian is Director of Historic Preservation Programs at the SRI Foundation, a position she has held since 2001. She is also an Adjunct Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of New Mexico. Sebastian was the State Historic Preservation Officer for New Mexico from 1997 to 1999, and she was the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer and the State Archaeologist from 1987 to 1997. She is the President of the Register of Professional Archaeologists and was the President of the Society for American Archaeology from 2003 to 2005. Sebastian received a B.A. from the University of Michigan, an M.A. from the University of Utah, and a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of New Mexico.

President Obama made the announcement on Jan. 16. Sebastian will receive the oath of office at the time of the ACHP’s next business meeting, which will be March 1, 2013, in Washington, D.C.

About the ACHP: An independent federal agency, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation promotes the preservation, enhancement, and productive use of our nation’s historic resources, and advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy. It also provides a forum for influencing federal activities, programs, and policies that affect historic properties. For more information, please visit www.achp.gov.