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**MEETING**  
**PRESERVATION INITIATIVES COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, July 20, 2021**  
**10:30 a.m.-Noon EDT**

Join ZoomGov Meeting  
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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order and Introductions
- II. Federal Policy on Climate Change and Historic Properties. *Discussion on raising awareness in the Administration and Congress about the need to address climate change impacts on historic places during federal climate policymaking.*
- III. Proposed ACHP Action on Pending Legislation. *Consideration of recommending that the membership adopt three motions regarding advising Congress on bills that address: conservation corps and civilian climate corps; surface transportation; and historic tax credits.*
- IV. Other Business
- V. Adjourn



**UPDATE ON MAJOR ACTIVITIES**  
**Office of Preservation Initiatives**  
**April—July 2021**

*Legislative Update*

ACHP Budget. On July 1, the House Appropriations Committee approved its Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies spending bill. The ACHP would receive the funding we requested, \$8.255 million. The companion Senate appropriation bill has not yet been released.

HPF Funding. The outlook for robust FY 2022 funding for the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) is positive. First, the President’s Budget included \$151.8 million for the HPF, \$1.8 million over its authorized level of \$150 million. The House Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies spending bill would provide the even higher figure of \$155.8 million. Either, if ultimately signed into law, would be an unprecedented appropriation for the HPF. (For news regarding a possible new future funding level for the HPF, see the meeting book paper, “Proposed ACHP Action on Pending Legislation” in Tab 1)

Save Oak Flat Act. The unassembled meeting to consider the ACHP’s position on the Save Oak Flat Act concluded on June 21. The final vote tally signaled the members’ approval for conveying to Congress the ACHP’s support of the bill’s preservation provisions. Voting by the ACHP members requires 12 or more total votes (including abstentions) for a quorum. Then, whichever position (for or against) has the most votes wins. In this case, the 16 votes cast were 12 in favor, one opposed, and three abstained. Correspondence conveying the ACHP’s advice on the bill will be sent to the House and Senate.

*Internships.* The ACHP is mentoring three interns this summer who are making significant contributions to the work of the Offices of Communications, Education, and Outreach; General Counsel; and Native American Affairs while learning a great deal about the ACHP and the national preservation program. Staff supervisors play a major role, while other staff members and ACHP members help enhance the internship experience. The ACHP Alumni Foundation generously supports stipends for the interns and assists them with networking and advice. As part of the ACHP’s partnership with Salish Kootenai College (SKC), the only tribal college offering a tribal historic preservation degree program, the ACHP is hosting its first SKC student as an intern this summer. A June email to members from Acting Executive Director Reid Nelson introduced the interns and the projects they are working on.

The ACHP staff learned from last summer’s experience that virtual internships are viable and valuable, and even have certain advantages. They enable the participation of students who would otherwise not be able to relocate for a Washington, D.C.-based internship and provide access to a greater variety of virtual meetings, programs, and training opportunities. To further explore the benefits of virtual internships, the ACHP is participating this year for the first time in the federal Virtual Student Federal Service (VSFS) program, which is managed by the Department of State. The ACHP has posted through VSFS seeking interns to assist the Office of Communications, Education, and Outreach with development of webinars about careers in preservation for students of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and other students who have not previously been exposed to historic preservation.

***Research on Available State Historic Preservation Office Climate Action Plans and Guidance.*** At the last ACHP business meeting, members expressed interest in learning about what states are doing related to the intersection of climate change and historic preservation. The Office of Preservation Initiatives has undertaken a research project to determine what planning documents and what related guidance State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs) have issued or are in the process of developing. The National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers has responded enthusiastically to a request for assistance with the project, posting a request for input on its Member Forum and following up with a direct message to SHPOs and Deputy SHPOs. The ACHP's intention is to carry out a review of the available literature and compile a set of annotated links to what is publicly available. There also will be discussions with the Native American Affairs Committee and the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers to see how best to find out what tribes have been doing in this regard.

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