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MEETING
PRESERVATION INITIATIVES COMMITTEE
Friday, October 21, 2022
3 p.m.–4:30 p.m. EDT

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UPDATE ON MAJOR ACTIVITIES
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The following is in addition to OPI's work on legislative priorities, climate change, and other policy issues as described in papers available at Tab 1 and this tab.

Internship Program-Summer Intern Accomplishments. ACHP summer interns make a valuable contribution to the work of the agency. Each intern gains practical, hands-on experience in preservation work and a deeper understanding of professional opportunities in the field. For summer 2022, six virtual interns (three part-time and three full-time) were chosen from the largest and most diverse applicant pool in the program's 10-year history. Supported by funding from the ACHP Foundation, the ACHP welcomed Jonathan Angulo (OCEO), Jordan Bush (ONAA), Charlotte Hevly (OFAP), Siena Hinshelwood (OCEO), Emily Stood (OPI), and Megan Veach (OGC) as summer interns. Each of them explored the historic preservation field, built new skills, and grew their portfolios. They became familiar with the range of the agency's work; assisted in advancing priority projects; networked with ACHP members, alumni, and other preservation professionals; and had the opportunity to participate in virtual meetings and training.

OCEO interns Mr. Angulo and Ms. Hinshelwood produced interviews for the *Preservationists in Your Neighborhood* web series and stories for the website and social media on different historic preservation themes. These help to get the word out about the ACHP and historic preservation and expand the agency's audiences. Ms. Hinshelwood researched and produced a major strategy/best practices document to guide new ACHP efforts in blogging, produced two Section 106 Success Story videos, and conducted a website usability analysis. Mr. Angulo did research, interviewed preservation professionals working with diverse communities, and produced a video about Latino historic sites that was shared during Hispanic Heritage month. He also organized meetings with the executive director of Latinos in Heritage Conservation, a historian at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the California State Historic Preservation Officer, and a Seattle, Washington, preservation consultant to discuss collaborations between the ACHP and their efforts.

ONAA intern Ms. Bush, as part of the growing partnership between Salish Kootenai College and the ACHP, developed deliverables related to climate change, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), and Indigenous Knowledge. She drafted policy principles on Indigenous Knowledge, burial sites, and funerary objects that can inform ONAA's policy statement work on these topics. In coordination with interns from other agencies, Ms. Bush reviewed 27 federal agency climate adaption plans to assess inclusion or consideration of cultural resources, Indigenous Knowledge, historic properties, and sacred sites. A combined inventory list of keywords and terms identified in these plans was developed to submit to the White House Council on Native American Affairs' Climate Adaptation Subcommittee as a deliverable for the 2022 Tribal Nations Summit. The collaborative work with the agency interns included a presentation of their findings to the Subcommittee. Ms. Bush also developed a case study identifying the relationship between indigenous food sovereignty for Indian tribes, the traditional hunting, fishing, and gathering areas that support food sovereignty (that are often historic properties of religious and cultural significance), and the impact climate change and emergency response can have on these sensitive locations.

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OFAP intern Ms. Heavly's primary project was gathering information from ACHP staff and a variety of stakeholders on what they consider to be successful mitigation stipulations in Section 106 agreements, as well as identifying example agreements and stipulations. She produced draft guidance documents on HABS/HAER/HALS documentation, adverse visual effects from renewable energy projects, and design review, as well as a summary of feedback on project Programmatic Agreements, all topics helpful to include in future ACHP guidance material and training. These included sample stipulation language and consultation consideration. Ms. Heavly also did a written summary of feedback from SHPO/THPO, tribal, NHO, federal agency, and preservation partner staff or representatives about successful agreements, including nationwide Programmatic Agreements as well as a list of contacts; a written summary of ACHP staff feedback on these topics; and a list of additional agreements (and specific stipulations where applicable) identified by ACHP case reviewers as potential examples for training and guidance use.

OPI's intern Ms. Stood did research aimed at enhancing the ACHP's internship hiring and recruitment processes. She expanded the ACHP's list of organizations to contact when recruiting, explored what similar organizations do, and reached out to current and past interns to learn more about where they visit when looking for internships, key search terms, and hiring process preferences. Ms. Stood also did research on the work of nonprofit foundations associated with federal agencies and on what resources the SHPOs of the U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States have developed regarding climate change and historic preservation. Also regarding climate change, she assembled a focus group of Preserve America Communities to discuss the impact of climate change on their historic resources and to get grass roots feedback on recent projects, available resources, and identified needs. Participants were enthusiastic about the experience and found it valuable. Ms. Stood also presented at a Climate Change Task Force meeting, did an Instagram takeover, and created new website content.

OGC intern Ms. Veach had two research projects: (1) how to assess cumulative effects under Section 106, with research in case law and agency policies, as well as NEPA guidance; and (2) assessing what constitutes a reasonable and good faith effort (RGFE) to identify Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations that should be invited to consult in a Section 106 review. She researched case law and legislative history to understand how interpretation and application of the cumulative effects analysis varies across agencies, and developed an outline of questions for an agency to investigate when performing a cumulative effects analysis to ensure compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act. The cumulative effects research resulted in a formal memo, immediately relevant to ongoing (and contentious) Section 106 reviews involving wind farms along the east coast. The RGFE research will inform OFAP's and ONAA's work in responding to increased questions on this topic as well as future guidance.

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