



# The Society for California Archaeology

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## Native American Programs Committee

### **2019 SCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE** **DOUBLETREE HOTEL, SACRAMENTO**

~ Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 ~

#### **Events of interest to California Indigenous Attendees and their Allies:**

**NOTE: At this time, the Hospitality room number is not available; check for it at Registration.**

#### **Thursday, March 7:**

Native American Programs Committee (NAPC) Meet & Greet in sponsored Hospitality Suite;  
Suite # \_\_\_\_\_ 4pm - 10pm

SCA Conference Welcome Reception, Book Signing, and 2nd Annual Archaeology Games  
Capitol Patio Courtyard 4pm - 7pm

#### **Friday, March 8:**

Native American Programs Committee (NAPC) sponsored Hospitality Suite;  
Suite # \_\_\_\_\_ 10am - 10 pm

Forum 1: Bringing Native Americans and Archaeologists Together: A Forum for Discussing the  
Benefits of Collaboration and Reciprocity

Capitol Salon A: 1:00-4:00 Organizer: Kanyon Sayers-Roods

#### **Saturday, March 9:**

Native American Programs Committee (NAPC) sponsored Hospitality Suite;  
Suite # \_\_\_\_\_ 10am - 10 pm

Forum 4: Community Roundtable – Collaborating with Agencies

Capitol Salon A: 8:30-11:30 Organizers: Gregg Castro & William Madrigal Jr.

Native American Programs Committee (NAPC) meeting - Hospitality Suite;

Suite # \_\_\_\_\_ 11:45am - 1 pm **LUNCH PROVIDED!**

Forum 6: CalTHPO Forum: Cultural and Legal Contexts

Capitol Salon A: 1:00-4:00 Organizer: Alex R. Watts Tobin (Karuk Tribe)

**Awards Banquet** Capitol Ballroom 6:30-10:00 (CA Indian Heritage Preservation Award)

**Saturday, March 9: NAPC Hospitality Suite is CLOSED today - see you in Riverside 2020!**



## **Conference Hints! - written by Gregg Castro, NAPC Chair**

If you are a veteran of the SCA Conference or conferences in general, then these hints may not be new to you. But we have experienced in the past native attendees that were unfamiliar with the “protocols” and ins-and-outs of the SCA Annual Meeting. So here are some things to consider:

- PACE YOURSELF: I can almost guarantee that you will NOT see everything that you are enthusiastic about in the program! The conference, after a half century, is now too big to catch everything! And that is alright. You will see enough, if you plan accordingly.
- On arrival: go register! The sooner the better, especially as the lines get longer as time goes on (unless you wait until Sunday . . .). When you register, you will get the Program Book . . .
- Try not to faint or hurt yourself as you pick it up! It really isn't that big or hard to use. It has a table of contents near the front, which is your new temporary best friend. Use your new friend!
- Each day has a chart of the activities for that day, then a summary of the day 'at a Glance' that gives basic info (title, time, organizer and room). For details, the pages behind it have the abstracts (detailed descriptions) of the session.
- Most sessions consist of a series of papers given by one or more people; they generally are about 10-15 minutes long, then quickly go to the next one on the list. The times given are important to use for scheduling your day, but keep in mind that - “due to circumstances beyond our control . . .” (which covers a lot of stuff that can happen at a conference) - the times are approximate and many sessions will usually be a little behind that time. Keep that in mind also: if there is a paper, session, meeting, event that is very important to see, prioritize that in your schedule and be there early.
- Most rooms will have enough seating, but some sessions will draw a lot of interest - and people! So get there early if you are really interested.
- If you have never been to this type conference: you will see a lot of people come and go during the session. It can be a little distracting but you can adapt to ignore it eventually - because this is normal behavior! Some of our native relatives are very traditional, and have thought it was “impolite” to leave the room, once you sit down. But it is not only normal, but expected to move between sessions. As long as you do so quickly, efficiently and quietly, move around as you wish!
- If you have difficulty hearing a person speak (and it isn't just because of a hearing issue with you), please move up to the front close to the speaker, again quietly and quickly - it's OK!
- Make sure you have a decent meal in the morning and drink fluids (besides that necessary magic elixir called 'coffee'...). You will find that sitting and concentrating on sessions and papers takes some work and can be tiring! So take care of yourself.
- That includes (if possible), SLEEP. Yeah, I could use that advise myself, but if you know that sleep is vital to your well being and you need a minimum to be functional, make sure you get it! Again, a conference can be quite tiring! So sleep, eat (healthy, lighter can be helpful) and shower as needed!



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- **NAPC Hospitality Suite**: the purpose is to have a place for native people, who may not know anyone else at the conference, to come and rest, relax, get refreshments and meet other native people attending the conference. Our ancestors were the “original networkers” so this is a great place to connect up to other indigenous people with similar interests to you and perhaps grow something that becomes a future working relationship or project! Or catch up with people you haven’t seen in a while or only through phone or social media! The hours are given in the listings above. **NOTE #1**: Elonda Castro will be the main hostess and I just try to stay out of her way and help occasionally - she is very experienced at this so I let her do the right thing! She will have the room open during the Silent Auction and during the later part of the Banquet time for those that are not attending those functions; see times above. **NOTE #2**: as is traditional for most indigenous communities (it was for mine), no one is turned away, so Allies and other non-native conference attendees will also often be in the room. We have an open door policy as a matter of culture as well as through the support of the SCA, so everyone is welcome; **NOTE #3**: we also maintain a cordial, respectful room and expect all our guests in the Hospitality Suite to follow that traditional belief that the NAPC has as the only appropriate way to treat each other and show appropriate respect and appreciation to our hosts, SCA and all conference attendees, staff, guests, etc.
- **Plenary**: this is the only session that starts out the conference on Friday morning; there is pretty much nothing else officially going on. If you read the plenary paper listings and they are not for you, sleep in late, catch a good breakfast, take a walk, visit the mall across the street . . . there is not requirement that you attend, although the topic is very interesting and long overdue!
- **Silent Auction #1**: this is, to many people, the most anticipated event of the conference. It is also the major annual fundraiser for the SCA. Wherever it is held, there are many items, including lots that are not about archaeology and CRM, that are on tables throughout the venue, that have bid slips that you can bid an amount with your name. At the end of the night, if your’s is the highest on the bid slip, you buy that item! You should know that this is a science to some of these long time conference attendees and they have special ninja skills at getting to items they like! But they are usually very open to sharing techniques, so go ahead and ask! There are LOTS of nice things here!
- **Silent Auction #2**: the other part that makes this event so popular is - it’s a ‘hosted bar’ setting. The SCA encourages companies in the industry to have tables where they will share (meaning: it’s free) all kinds of **alcoholic libations**. You should be aware that there are some attendees that have developed this part of the event also into a science, and the result will be a lot of people that have had a lot of adult beverages. Meaning: lots of people ‘under the influence’. When this event is held away from the hotel, there are buses that take conference attendees to the auction and back to the hotel, to keep everyone safe and comfortable (I’ve made great friends on the bus!).
  - There are some native attendees and others that are a little unsettled seeing this event, especially for the first time. You can go and if it is not to your liking, come back to the hotel, the bus is on a schedule for returns so find out the time you wish to leave. There is usually food (perhaps a buffet style dinner) so you can have a meal then go back to the hotel (remember: the Hospitality Suite will be open). You also can consider not attending at all; I



recommend that if you do not wish to go to the auction, turn your ticket into the registration desk people; they are often asked about extra tickets, as the Silent Auction usually sells out.

- For those with “smartypants” phones, there is a new feature of the conference for the first time: a mobile conference app! You can download the app to your phone or tablet to have a live, updated and versatile program schedule in your hand! Here is the link: <http://bit.ly/2ttLvto>.
- **BANQUET**: The last big event of the conference is the Saturday Evening Banquet. You will often see people dressed up in their finest outfits (although . . . in this community, there is a very wide opinion on what constitutes “finest”...). The Banquet has seating arranged by table (and sometimes by chair at the table). The Banquet Empress, Shelly Davis-King, along with this year’s banquet crew, is an expert at the banquet facilities arrangements, but there is no such thing as perfection so if there is an issue or confusion, please see an attendant that is usually near the entrance (Shelly is ideal but there is usually a line for her...). I look at this as a great opportunity to talk with people I haven’t seen in a while, or meet new people that I wouldn’t otherwise. Take advantage of the evening and push yourself to experience new things and new people.
  - BUT - if you are done with your banquet experience, the Hospitality Suite will be open starting about 8pm for those that wish a different setting.
- **My cell #: 408/219-2754**
  - if you have any questions or need to ‘touch base’ with me, give me a text first (I may be in a meeting, session, etc.) and I’ll get back to you as soon;
  - you can also try the registration desk: Denise and the reg crew will usually have the answers, and if not, can assist in tracking me down;
  - once you have the Hospitality Suite room location, you can go there and if the door is open, you can go inside and see if you can get help there.

Please enjoy the conference! We thank you for attending!

*Xayaatspanee* - thank you,

*Gregg*

Gregg Castro, *t'rowt'raahl* Salinan / *rumsien* Ohlone

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*Gregg Castro - for the Salinan people*

*"pkotse tok'a:wten tsep" - "act with good hearts"*

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