



May 30, 2018

Ms. Melanie O'Brien
Designated Federal Officer
Native American Graves Protection
and Repatriation Committee
National NAGPRA Program (2253)
National Park Service
1849 C Street NW
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RE: NPS-WASO-NAGPRA-22748

Dear Ms. O'Brien,

I write in regards to the call for nominations for a representative of national museum and scientific organizations for the National NAGPRA Review Committee. The Society for American Archaeology (SAA) is pleased to nominate two professional archaeologists for this position: Dr. Francis P. McManamon and Mr. Ryan Seidemann.

In my capacity as president of the SAA, I am authorized by the Board of Directors to make these nominations.

SAA is an international organization that, since its founding in 1934, has been dedicated to the research, interpretation, and protection of the archaeological heritage of the Americas. With more than 7,000 members, the Society represents professional archaeologists in colleges and universities, museums, government agencies, and the private sector. SAA has members in all 50 states as well as many other nations around the world.

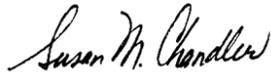
Both Dr. McManamon and Mr. Seidemann, in addition to being long-time members of SAA and other prestigious scientific and professional organizations, are widely published experts in their fields, have in-depth working knowledge of and experience with NAGPRA, and have worked with Native American tribes in repatriation issues. As you know, Dr. McManamon served as the Chief Archeologist of the National Park Service and the Departmental Consulting Archeologist of the Department of the Interior. During his NPS tenure, he gained enormous experience in implementing NAGPRA from the perspectives of not only archaeology and repatriation, but also from that of program management. Currently serving as a research professor in the School of Human Evolution and Social Change at Arizona State University, he is the author, co-author, and editor of numerous books and articles on many topics in archaeology, and is the recipient of many awards and citations from government agencies and professional groups.

Mr. Ryan Seidemann approaches this issue from a truly unique background. A practicing attorney, archaeologist, and professor, he focuses his efforts on the implementation and enforcement of federal and state historic preservation law, but his experience also includes important work in the field of repatriation. He assisted Florida State University in that institution's NAGPRA inventory process in the mid-1990s. He has critically examined the law and regulations related to NAGPRA and acted in an enforcement

capacity in Louisiana, participating in Section 106/NAGPRA dialogues and negotiations for burial site treatment and repatriation matters with Louisiana's federally recognized tribes related to such events as Hurricane Katrina rebuilding and the Deepwater Horizon disaster. He has also coordinated interdictions of illicit sales of Native American remains on behalf of the Louisiana Attorney General's Office and has participated in repatriation dialogues with tribes related to those events. Mr. Seidemann currently serves on the SAA's Government Affairs Committee.

SAA believes that either of these distinguished individuals would make tremendous contributions to the important work of the Review Committee. Copies of their vitas and contact information are attached. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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