A LETTER FROM CMF's NEWLY-ELECTED CHAIRMAN,
DR. TY O. SMITH

It gives me great pleasure and a sense of tremendous pride to write this letter as the new Chair of CMF. For 20 years, CMF has done so much in the areas of preservation, restoration, and conservation. Now united with the former California Mission Studies Association, the combined organization continues to move forward adding research, scholarship, and increased educational programs to the CMF agenda.

From San Diego to Sonoma, our California Missions and related historical sites are an important part of our history and a part of our history worth saving. We are the keepers of these places and of their stories. In our preservation efforts and in telling the stories of the people who built, lived, and worked in these places, it is essential to recognize the importance of all who were involved - from California Indians to the Franciscan friars, from the soldados to pobladores - many individuals shaped this complex and profound history. It is in their memory that we work now to keep these historic buildings standing for future generations to understand.

Our recent 34th Annual California Missions Conference presented by CMF and held at Mission Santa Inés, was a tremendous success. One of the largest conference crowds ever, combined with a historic venue, made for a memorable weekend. As we move into spring, our gears change as we begin a statewide initiative to identify and prioritize preservation projects at each of the 21 California Missions, four presidios, asistencias, and ranchos that dot the landscape of Alta California.

As the days become longer, our forth grade field trip program, All Aboard the Bus, kicks into full swing as we again are anticipating sending upwards of 4,000 students to visit and experience their local Missions. We have officially increased the program to Santa Barbara County, after receiving a generous individual donation to make the field trips possible.

In the coming months, our Annual Report will be published, CMF's journal Boletín will go to press and details of our first CMF Missions Tour will be released.
While we have made great strides over the last two decades, there is much work still to be done. Please help spread the word about CMF. The more members we have, the more work we can do. I start my tenure as Chair convinced that future of CMF is bright. This confidence is in no small way derived by the fact that I know that, together, we will put all of our effort of arm, heart, and of brain to make it so.

I look forward to serving all of you and this organization.

Kindest regards,

Ty O. Smith

34th ANNUAL CALIFORNIA MISSIONS
CONFERENCE PRESENTED BY CMF BIGGEST EVER

Mission Santa Inés Hosts Annual Gathering Attracting Nearly 200

Mission Santa Inés recently hosted the California Missions Conference presented by the California Missions Foundation. Additionally, our partners -- Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation's historic Mills, and State Parks along with Prelado de los Tesoros at Mission La Purísima -- played key roles in ensuring an event-filled weekend.

Nearly 200 attendees represented all corners of the Mission and Presidio chain, along with Ranchos and other related historical sites. This year, CMF also hosted as part of the California Missions weekend the 19th Annual California Missions Directors and Curators Conference and the inaugural Institute for the Study of Presidios.

Strong rain and winds could not damper the spirit of the Conference which included tours, research presentations, vast networking opportunities, an awards banquet, and period foods and performances.

The Mission at Santa Inés served as the perfect location for the Conference, with nearby historical sites adding to the overall dimension of the weekend.

Many of the research presentations will be included in the fall edition of CMF's widely-acclaimed publication, and efforts are underway to determine the site of next year's California Missions Conference, scheduled for Presidents Day Weekend, February 16-18, 2018.
Father Matthew Elshoff, OFM Cap., welcomes conference attendees

Members of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Nakia Zavalla and Kathleen Marshall sing in their native tongue
Internationally renowned tenor Eduardo Villa

Friday night Parade of Soldados
Mission Santa Barbara Executive Director Monica Orozco and Santa Barbara Trust Executive Director Anne Peterson enter the church.
Spanish dancers
Saturday presenter Julia Costello

Saturday presenter Damian Bacich
Saturday presenter and music historian Craig Russell

2016 Edna Kimbro award recipient David Bolton presents the 2017 Kimbro Award to Mr. Donaldson
2016 Norman Neuerburg award recipient Dr. Ruben Mendoza with outgoing CMF Chair Milford Wayne Donaldson

2017 Norman Neuerburg Award winner Dr. Marie Christine Duggan
2017 CMF Chairman's Award recipient Dr. Edith Piness with incoming CMF Chair Dr. Ty O. Smith and Mr. Milford Wayne Donaldson

Sheila Benedict accepts a 2017 CMF Chairman's Award
CMF BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 2017

Dr. Ty O. Smith named Chair, Jim Lazarus named Vice Chair, Dr. Edith Piness reelected as Secretary and Mike Imwalle reelected as Treasurer

In accordance with the CMF By Laws, the CMF Board of Directors elected its officers for the current year during the winter board meeting held in conjunction with the recent California Missions Conference. Dr. Ty O. Smith, formerly the vice chair of CMF and the former president of CMSA, was unanimously elected Board Chair. He will be joined on the CMF Executive Committee by newly-elected Vice Chair Jim Lazarus, Secretary Dr. Edith Piness and Treasurer Mike Imwalle.

CMF PRESENTS PRESTIGIOUS HONORS AT THE 34th ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Marrie Duggan Receives Neuerburg Award; Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, Receives Kimbro Award; and Sheila Benedict, John O. Jenkins and Dr. Edith Piness Receive CMF Chairman's Awards

Five long-time CMSA members and CMF supporters, dedicated to uncovering and keeping alive various aspects of the California Mission and related story, were honored
The CMF Awards Committee presented Marie Duggan with the Norman Neuerburg Award, Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA with the Edna Kimbro Award, and Sheila Benedict, John O. Jenkins and Dr. Edith Piness with Chairman’s Awards. The awards are given as tributes to individuals that have been critical in the success of CMF, mission preservation and in the continuing effort to explore the studies of California’s missions, presidios, ranchos, and pueblos.

"I am delighted to see Wayne receive the Kimbro award," said newly elected CMF Chair Dr. Ty O. Smith. "I am also excited that CMF has honored Ms. Duggan, Sheila Benedict, Mr. Jenkins and Dr. Piness. Their commitment to the study, preservation, and interpretation of early California history is matchless. These individuals are each legends in their own ways and they are each highly deserving of such recognition."

Dr. Marie Christine Duggan grew up in Berkeley, California and finished her education at the New School for Social Research in New York. Dr. Duggan studies how market forces shaped human lives in 18th century Spanish California and 19th century Mexican California. In 1995, Dr. Duggan located account books for nine California missions in Mexico’s National Archives, which were the basis for her 2000 PHD dissertation, Market and Church on the Mexican Frontier.

She received in 1997 the Norman Geiger Fellowship for research at the Santa Barbara Mission Archive Library and the Haynes Foundation Fellowship for Research at the Huntington Library. She analyzed the Santa Barbara Mission-Presidio accounts at the SBMAL, and the San Francisco Mission-Presidio Accounts at the Huntington. In 1998, she received a fellowship from the Pew Program in Religion and American History at Yale University to analyze the De la Guerra business correspondence at the SBMAL. Quantitative analysis revealed the pattern of economic development in Spanish California, and showed the cessation of financing in 1810. In 2005, she published "Laws of the Market vs. Laws of God" in History of Political Economy (HOPE) describing how the missionaries responded to the cessation of financing in 1810 by turning to international commerce in hides and tallow. In 2016 she published in Pacific Historical Review "With and Without an Empire:
In 2012, she joined the Mexican Economic History Association (AMHE) and in 2014 the Iberian Society for the History of Economic Thought (AIHPE). She is currently writing a book: Piety and Profits in Alta California: Institutional Crisis and Change between 1769 to 1834, which situates California’s development in the context of the Spanish Enlightenment and Mexico's trade with the Pacific Rim. She teaches economics at Keene State College in New Hampshire and is the mother of two children.

NORMAN NEUERBURG AWARD RECIPIENTS
2000 John R. Johnson
2001 Jarrell C. Jackman
2002 Harry W. Crosby
2003 Edna E. Kimbro
2004 Dr. Robert L. Hoover
2005 Doyce D. Nunis, Jr.
2006 Rose Marie Beebe
2006 Robert Senkewicz
2007 Randall Milliken
2008 Bernard “Bunny” Fontana
2009 Alan K. Brown
2010 Knox Mellon
2011 Jack Williams
2011 John Warren
2012 Kent Lightfoot
2013 Mike Imwalle
2014 Glenn Farris
2015 Russell Skowronek
2016 Ruben G. Mendoza
2017 Marie Christine Duggan

2017 EDNA KIMBRO AWARD RECIPIENT

MILFORD WAYNE DONALDSON, FAIA
Mr. Donaldson was appointed by President Barack Obama as Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in 2010. He was formerly the California State Historic Preservation Officer serving two Governors from 2004-2012. He received his Bachelor of Architecture from California Polytechnic University, Master of Science in Architecture from the University of Strathclyde, Scotland and has received his Masters in Public History and Teaching from the University of San Diego. Donaldson is a former Chair of the State Historical Building Safety Board, past Chairman of the State Historical Resources Commission, past executive board member of the California Missions Studies Association and past president of the California Preservation Foundation.

He is an architect of innovative design, contractor, and author and has received several awards in preservation architecture including the National AIA Historic Resources Committee Fellow, the California Council, American Institute of Architects Award of Excellence and the Historic Preservation Award, and was elected to the AIA College of Fellows in 2017.

EDNA KIMBRO AWARD RECIPIENTS
2006 Kenneth Pauley
2007 Kristina Foss
2008 Julia Costello
2010 Craig Russell
2011 Helen Nelson
2012 Bill Fairbanks
2013 Janet Bartel
2014 Dan Krieger
2015 Elisaberth Waldo
2016 David A. Bolton
2017 Milford Wayne Donaldson

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2017 CMF CHAIRMAN'S AWARD RECIPIENTS

Sheila Benedict
John O. Jenkins
Dr. Edith Piness

CHAIRMAN'S AWARD RECIPIENTS
2012 Betty Goerke
2012 Stephen T. Hearst & Hearst Family
2013 Mary Louise Days
2013 Jeremy Hass
2014 John Warren
2015 Michael R. Hardwick
2016 Philip Hudner
2016 Jarrell C. Jackman
2017 Sheila Benedict
2017 John O. Jenkins
2017 Edith Piness

Click here to see a complete list of previous California Missions award winners.

APPLICATION WINDOW OPENS TO HOST 2018 CMF CONFERENCE

Looking ahead to Presidents' Day Weekend 2018, CMF is now accepting applications to host the 35th Annual California Missions Conference. As is tradition, the annual conference rotates between North and South, with the Monterey-San Luis Obispo County line serving as the halfway point - 10 missions to the north, 11 to the south.
Applications to host the 2018 conference are limited to Missions and related historical sites from San Antonio de Padua to Sonoma, and should include:

- An overview of the facilities to be used for the three day conference
- Location for the Saturday Papers and the Friday CMF Institute
- Location for the Saturday Night Banquet - including capacity and cost per person
- Option for Friday Evening Reception and Keynote Address
- Options for Sunday tours
- Hotel Options, including group rates and proximity to proposed venues
- Lunch options and costs for Friday and Saturday

Deadline to submit applications to host the 35th Annual California Missions Conference is Monday, March 27, 2017. Please either email your application and supporting material to Conference@californiamissionsfoundation.org or mail to CMF at P.O. Box 23035, Santa Barbara, CA 93121. Upon review of all applications, a decision will be made by April 30.

Please keep in mind that the Conference location can be a Mission or 'related historical site'. Attendance ranges from 125 to 250.

**CMF EMBARKS ON ITS 12TH YEAR OF SENDING 4TH GRADERS ON IMPORTANT FIELD TRIPS TO THEIR LOCAL MISSIONS**

For the 12th consecutive year, the California Missions Foundation is sending fourth grade students on field trips to their local mission through its annual "All-Aboard-the-Bus" Field Trip Grant Program; the field trips are currently taking place now through June. The "All-Aboard-the-Bus" Program provides a unique opportunity for these students whom might otherwise not have an opportunity to visit a mission. Mission field trips enforce important lessons about early California history.

In all, CMF, thanks to support from its partner foundations will be sending 46 schools and nearly 4,055 students on field trips to visit and learn about the California Missions.

These field trips are made possible through the generosity of our partner Foundations, William H. Hannon Foundation, The Upjohn California Fund, Pebble Beach Company, Nancy Buck Ransom Foundation and the Monterey Peninsula Foundation - host of the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

The Application window for the 2017-18 school year will be open April 1, with a deadline of October 31. [Click here](#) for application details.

[Click here](#) to see a complete list of all 2016-2017 CMF AATB grant recipients.
Prunedale Elementary, Salinas (Monterey County)
visiting Mission San Juan Bautista
Henry Kammann Elementary, Salinas (Monterey County)  
visiting Mission San Juan Bautista

Cesar Chavez Elementary, Salinas (Monterey County)  
visiting Mission San Juan Bautista
CMF BEGINS TO SEEK INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS TO JOIN FOUR CMF PRESIDIO DISTRICT COMMITTEES FOR MULTI-NATIONAL UNESCO NOMINATION EFFORT

CMF officials have begun to put together four committees that will represent the organization at the regional level with each Committee covering each the former Presidio Districts in the areas of research and CMF representation. CMF is currently looking for individuals that are interested in being a Captain for a specific section of El Camino Real in Alta California. This individual would be an official member of the "Multi National Effort" and would help to identify the exact route of the original and subsequent Caminos through their specific area as well as be a representative for the effort with the respective local communities. CMF will be breaking down the Caminos between Missions, and is also currently looking for individuals that would like to head up a specific section, ie. Mission San Diego to San Luis Rey; Mission San Luis Rey to San Juan Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano to San Gabriel and so forth.

If you are interested in joining this exciting Multi National effort involving the two Californias, as well as our Sovereign Nations, please email CMF by March 31 with a brief overview of your background and interest level to:

ElCaminoReal@californiamissionsfoundation.org

Please click here to read more criteria for being selected as an ECR Captain. This will be a historic effort, benefitting not only El Camino Real in both Californias but also all of the historic sites, communities and people found along this Cultural Route.

CALL FOR ARTICLES FOR THE BOLETIN, THE JOURNAL OF THE CALFORNIA MISSIONS FOUNDATION

The publications committee is now accepting articles and article proposals for the 2017 Boletin. The journal is a peer-reviewed academic journal that features the best of California Mission Studies from a wide variety of disciples. The committee is especially interested in articles that reflect the theme of the 2017 California Missions Conference: Change and Continuity in the Mission Lands of California. (CMF is currently spearheading a Multi-National effort to receive an UNESCO Nomination to Name El Camino Real de las Californias a World Heritage Site Cultural Corridor).

The Boletin committee is also willing to entertain articles/proposals on any topic related to California’s pre-statehood history.

Generally, the committee is committed to accepting as many articles as possible, but
there are restrictions on time and space for which the committee must account. In all cases, decisions to accept or deny an article/proposal will be based on the following criteria:

- Relevance to the conference theme.
- The Article’s timeliness and/or distinctiveness
- The Article’s relationship to other articles (the Boletín should showcase the diversity of the field of mission studies. The committee will try to achieve balance by not accepting too many articles related to a particular region, discipline, or subject).

Interested authors should submit paper proposal by May 31, 2017. A timeline for completion of the articles will be established between the committee and selected authors.

Questions can be directed to the Committee at:

Boletín@californiamissionsfoundation.org

Click here to see the style guide.

Conference and Publications Committee:

Nick Tipon, Chair
David Bolton
Maureen Bourbin
Mike Imwalle
Lee Panich
Ty O. Smith

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CMF THANKS ITS SUPPORTER’S CIRCLE

With so many projects on the arisen, CMF would like to personally thank its growing list of Supporter’s Circle who have all individually and generously contributed to help support CMF and its on-going goals and programs. Thanks to the efforts of so many, CMF continues with its important tasks at hand. For more information regarding CMF membership, please visit our web site, www.californiamissionsfoundation.org

Please click here to see a list of the 2017 CMF Supporter’s Circle

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CMF OFFERS PLANNED GIVING

For more information, please contact CMF’s Director of Administration Gabriela Gonzalez at 805.963.1633.
CMF OFFERS STOCK DONATION OPTION

The California Missions Foundation is pleased to offer a new way to show your support, by donating stock. When you donate stock to CMF you will not be responsible for paying taxes on said stock, however you will still receive full tax credit for the amount of the stock on the day you contribute. To donate please have your broker call UBS Financial Services at (201) 352-6300, with the following information:

Account Name: California Missions Foundation
DTCC Clearing Number: 0221
Account #: XN04920

As always please call Executive Director David A. Bolton at the CMF office with any questions at (805) 963-1633.

You can help us to preserve California’s historic missions and all their cultural treasures!

Please call our office at (805) 963-1633 to donate by credit card, or click the button below to donate via PayPal!

About California Missions Foundation

Nothing defines California’s heritage as significantly or emotionally as do the 21 missions that were founded along the coast from San Diego to Sonoma. Their beauty, stature, and character underlie the formation of California. All 21 missions are California Historical Landmarks; many have also been designated National Historic Landmarks. The missions are among the most popular tourist destinations in the state, attracting millions of visitors each year.

Founded in 1998, the California Missions Foundation was established with the objective of preserving and protecting the missions. The Foundation is the only statewide organization dedicated to the long-term preservation and restoration needs of all California missions and their associated historic and cultural resources for public benefit.

Visit us online at www.californiamissionsfoundation.org.