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# New CMSA By-Laws Voted in By Membership

The original By-Laws were adopted in 1984, but were somewhat amended in 1996.

A Note from the By-Laws Committee:

A special "thanks" to our membership for their overwhelming support of the newly revised CMSA By-Laws! Several months ago, the committee took on the task of updating the By-Laws of 1996 which had not been legally amended or revised since being approved by the membership on February 16, 1996. In so doing, we worked hard to reduce the legal terminology and redundancies, which made the previous By-Laws difficult to read and understand. We also gave the By-Laws a more user-friendly format, with a numbering system that helps the reader relate each sub-section to its main heading. Additionally, the committee felt that it was important to acknowledge and introduce the Age of Technology into our By-Laws since electronic communication was not an integral factor of life when these By-Laws were first adopted.

The Committee also believed that it was important to allow the Membership to retain their vital power of the vote. To that end, provisions that allow the membership to approve new directors, officers, and changes to the By-Laws were not modified. In keeping these provisions, we were desirous of acknowledging the tremendous wealth of experience of which our membership base is comprised.

Our assignment is not fully completed. Over the remaining half of the year, the committee will turn its attention to drafting a "policies and procedures" manual. If you have any particular ideas you would like to share, we welcome all comments and suggestions.

Again, we thank you for your support and for the opportunity to serve the interests of our members!

Linda Wilde, Chair; and Committee Members Janet Bartel, David Bolton, Julia Costello, Lou Sanna, Ty Smith, and Dan Kreiger, ex officio

## A Letter from Newly-Elected CMSA President David Bolton

#### Dear Fellow CMSA Members:

A lot has happened within CMSA over the past few weeks, and with everyone's support and continued commitment to the organization the future is promising. Our recent membership-wide election has brought in a new slate of Officers, and an updated set of By-Laws, bringing CMSA into the 21st century. I look forward to the next couple of years as we continue to move CMSA in a forward direction.

It's impossible for an incoming president of this organization to not acknowledge the past efforts of so many Mission studies experts and aficionados who have worked so hard for CMSA over the past 25 + years. Our organization has been blessed to have had such a diverse and committed membership for more than two decades. A special thank you goes out to our immediate past president Dan Krieger who spent four tireless years at the helm of CMSA.

As an organization, none has done more for Mission Studies over the years than CMSA. Since the mid-1980's, CMSA has promoted scholarship, Mission and Presidio archaeology, mission restoration, mission culture, Native American history and education. I plan to continue these efforts with our Board and membership as well as broadening our reach and visibility to help the organization grow.

In the near future, please look for more regular Correos, our now monthly newsletter, which will be including a special Calendar of Events section for all Mission areas. We are planning a special 2012 CMSA Conference at Mission San Rafael February 17-19 - the first at this historic site - with the addition of tours of incredible Sonoma both Friday afternoon and/or Sunday morning, and a wine themed dinner with Rancho-style food at Mission San Rafael that Saturday night. More details on the 2012 Conference, including how to take advantage of great hotel rates coordinated by our local Conference Committee and the annual Call-for-Papers, will be featured in the next edition of Correo.

As your new CMSA President, I look forward to working together toward making this organization as strong and dedicated an organization as possible.

Thank you for your support, and I am always open to your feedback to help make CMSA a better organization.

Sincerely,

David Bolton CMSA President

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## A Letter from Immediate Past President Dan Krieger

Dear Colleagues in Mission Studies,

It is unusual, and possibly not good for the president of any organization to serve four consecutive terms. My own *Apologia Pro Vita Sua* would need to stipulate the conditions imposed by "interesting times."

Your board of directors has taken a serious appraisal of its sense of our mission. Since 1984, members of the California Mission Studies Association, a nonprofit public benefit corporation, have channeled their diverse interests toward developing a more thorough and nuanced understanding California's of founding heritage.

As time went by, the needs of the organization began to outgrow the guidelines set down at the beginning. This is common to most organizations similar to our own. The bylaws adopted in 1984 were only slightly amended over the following twenty-six years with a provision for the role of the immediate past president and for continuity in the office of the treasurer. A good faith effort at *aggiornamento* was made in 2004. Board member Larry Gould produced an appropriate set of bylaws, but there was an insufficient consensus among the membership. By 2008, events demonstrated the need for change.

The board asked founding members Julia Costello and Glenn Farris to join board members David Bolton, Ty Smith and Lou Sanna in rewriting the bylaws. That group was joined by new board member, Linda Wilde who came to chair the task force. Those bylaws were adopted by the general membership this past month and should serve *CMSA* well.

The board hopes to rededicate a good deal of its time to sponsoring research and writing, outreach to 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers of California history and other means of public education concerning our common interests in the California missions. It also wants to continue to reach out and liaison with other similar organizations. Our joint 2008 conference with the *Southwest Mission Research Center* in Southern Arizona and Sonora was an overwhelming success and a model worth duplicating both with the *SMRC* and other groups.

In 2004, *CMSA* began publishing a twice-yearly *Boletín* under the editorship of then-president Dr. Rose Marie Beebe and her husband, Dr. Robert Senkewicz. It was a truly amazing, prize winning endeavor from the beginning. Some realists both within and without *CMSA* wondered how an organization the size of ours could afford such a premium piece of work. At the end of the day, experience dictated that it is not possible except through the channels of online and print on demand access.

Your board hired Dr. Julianne Burton-Carvajal as editor of the *Boletín* in 2009. Dr. Burton-Carvajal produced two outstanding issues and maintained the high standards set by Rose Marie Beebe and Robert Senkewicz. But the cost factor became prohibitive. An organization our size could no longer afford to produce a hard copy issue for our membership. On-line publication with the option of on-demand printed copies was clearly the path to follow.

The *Boletín* will continue as an excellent resource for both academic and independent scholars and our diverse membership. Your board of directors which had been devoting a high percentage of its time to simply keeping the print version of the *Boletín* alive, can return to fulfilling other aspects of our founder's goals. If anything, online publication is the way of the future and will give us a broad platform for outreach to the general public.

I stepped down from the board effective June 30<sup>th</sup>. I have volunteered along with Ty Smith to serve as unpaid editors for the *Boletín* under board direction. We will, in turn solicit assistance from our highly qualified membership to act as guest editors for issues dedicated to themes like archaeology, mission gardens, architecture, engineering, disease and medicine, crafts and industries, etc.

I am confident that the best times for CMSA are still in the future.

I would like to thank all those who have served on the *CMSA* board during my six years as a member. Janet Bartel and Lou Sanna have done exceptional service as treasurers.

Carrie Fogg assisted by Kyra Samaniego were flawless in the difficult role of secretary. Kyra took on the monumental task of verifying and reorganizing our membership lists in 2009. Sasha Honig assisted by her husband Andy managed the website and CMSA's Bakersfield post office box for many years through 2009. The late ChaCha Belardes and her husband, Chief David Belardes, Past CMSA President Bill Fairbanks and Helen Nelson were always there to inform me of the complex institutional history of *CMSA*.

Finally, I want to express my nearly lifelong gratitude for the constant encouragement of my mentor, Dr. Knox Mellon, Executive Director of the *California Missions Foundation*. And also to the many members whose greetings and messages of friendship have meant so very much.

Siempre adelante,



Daniel E. Krieger, Past President California Mission Studies Association

# Report on CMSA Conference 2012

#### SAVE THE DATE

2012 CMSA Conference February 17, 18 and 19

Mission San Rafael, and historic Sonoma

Hosted by Mission San Rafael Arcangel with CMSA-organized excursions to historic Sonoma offered for the first time both Friday midday before our Reception and alternatively Sunday morning to accommodate everyone's specific travel preferences.

Hotel arrangements have been made at a tremendous discount for CMSA Conference attendees at the Embassy Suites in San Rafael.

All events, other than the Sonoma excursions, will be held at Mission San Rafael. More details, including Call for Papers and the excursions to Sonoma, will be included in the next addition of Correo.

This is the first time Mission San Rafael has hosted a CMSA Conference. Please save the date to join us for what is expected to be a memorable celebration of everything CMSA.

## **Upcoming Events of Interest**

## **Upcoming California Mission-Related Events**

MAY 27 - SEPTEMBER 5, 2011: Mission San Juan Capistrano: Exhibit: Mission Treasures: Historical Collection Revealed. Open Daily 10 AM - 5 PM http://www.missionsjc.com/activities/treasures.php

JUNE 25 - SEPTEMBER 3: Mission San Juan Capistrano: Music Under the Stars. Alternating Saturdays: 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm http://www.missionsjc.com/activities/signature MusicUnderStars.php

JULY 9 - SEPTEMBER 3: Ventura Olivas Adobe: Music Under the Stars. Saturday Nights 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm <a href="http://www.olivasadobe.org/">http://www.olivasadobe.org/</a>

JULY 15, 16, 17 - Mission San Diego: Festival of the Bells. <a href="http://www.festivalofbells.com/">http://www.festivalofbells.com/</a> Event\_Schedule.html

JULY 23 - La Purisima Mission: Mission Life Days. 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## http://www.lapurisimamission.org/events

AUGUST 3 - Mission Santa Barbara: La Fiesta Pequeña. On the steps of the Old Mission from 6 pm. Official kickoff event for Santa Barbara's city-wide 5-day "Old Spanish Days" Fiesta celebration Aug 3-7. http://www.santabarbaraca.com/includes/events/index.cfm?action=displayDetail&eventid=9051

AUGUST 6 - La Purisima Mission: Purisima People Day: August 6 -11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. <a href="http://www.lapurisimamission.org/events">http://www.lapurisimamission.org/events</a>

AUGUST 11 - Mission San Rafael Arcangel: Guest Lecture Series. Laura Ackley: 1915 World's Fair Exposition. 6:30pm-7:30pm <a href="http://www.saintraphael.com/Default.aspx?tabid=57&language=en-US">http://www.saintraphael.com/Portals/0/Guest%20Lectures%202011.pdf</a>

AUGUST 14 - Mission Santa Ines: 40th Annual Fiesta, August 14, 2011, 1-5 PM http://www.missionsantaines.org/home.html

AUGUST 26-27 - La Purisima Mission: Mountain Men. 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. http://www.lapurisimamission.org/events

AUGUST 27 - Mission San Luis Rey Mission: Heritage Ball: August 27, 2011. http://www.sanluisrey.org/Events2/NEWS-Heritage-Ball-Plans-Underway

AUGUST 27 - La Purisima Mission: Village Days. 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. http://www.lapurisimamission.org/events

SEPTEMBER 2-3-4 - San Gabriel Mission: Labor Day Mission Fiesta <a href="http://sangabrielmission.org/parish-news/mission-fiesta/">http://sangabrielmission.org/parish-news/mission-fiesta/</a>

SEPTEMBER 10 - La Purisima Mission: Purisima People Day. 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. <a href="http://www.lapurisimamission.org/events">http://www.lapurisimamission.org/events</a>

SEPTEMBER 15 - Mission San Rafael Arcangel: Guest Lecture Series. John Clements: Mapping Out Mission San Rafael. 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

http://www.saintraphael.com/Default.aspx?tabid=57&language=en-UShttp://www.saintraphael.com/Portals/0/Guest%20Lectures%202011.pdf

SEPTEMBER 18 (THIRD SUNDAY): San Miguel: Mission Fiesta Days. http://www.slomuseums.org/

SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 2: Monterey: Art in the Adobes: Hidden Treasures from Old Monterey. <a href="http://ArtintheAdobes.org">http://ArtintheAdobes.org</a>

OCTOBER 7 - 8: La Purisima Mission: Candlelight Tours (Check Dates for 2011) <a href="http://www.lapurisimamission.org/events">http://www.lapurisimamission.org/events</a>

OCTOBER 8 - (SATURDAY PRIOR TO OCTOBER 12): Paso Robles: Pioneer Day Parade. 10 am. Pioneer Museum's Annual Open House. 1 pm.

http://www.slomuseums.org/

http://www.pasoroblespioneerday.org/

# **Upcoming Mission-Related Events Outside of California**

AUGUST 26, 2010 - DECEMBER 29, 2013 - Mission San Luis, 2100 West Tennessee Street, Tallahassee, Florida. Mission San Luis Artifacts and History at The NEW Exhibit Gallery. Mon - Sun 10am-4pm.

http://www.vivaflorida.org/EN.3.282.lasso?record\_id=29637

OCTOBER 8 - Mission San Jose, San Antonio Missions National Park, Texas. Archaeology Day. 10 am - 3 pm.

http://www.nps.gov/saan/planyourvisit/events.htm

OCTOBER (TBA) - San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, Texas. Artesanos del Pueblo: A Celebration of Folk Art. For more information about this event call Los Compadres at (210) 922-3218. <a href="http://www.nps.gov/saan/planyourvisit/events.htm">http://www.nps.gov/saan/planyourvisit/events.htm</a>

OCTOBER (TBA) - Tumacácori Mission, Tumacacori National Historical Park, Arizona. Historical Reenactment High Mass in conjunction with Tubac State Historic Park's Anza's Day, 10 am. <a href="http://www.nps.gov/tuma/planyourvisit/special-events.htm">http://www.nps.gov/tuma/planyourvisit/special-events.htm</a>

If you would like CMSA to consider announcing an event or new publications which may be of interest to the readers of the *Correo*, please contact Sue Ellen Moran with details.

David Bolton California Mission Studies Association