

The RMAA Board of Directors election will be held at the October 3-6, 2019 RMAC conference in Logan, UT. All registered attendees at the conference are eligible to cast a ballot. Voters will be choosing among candidates for four of the eight Board positions, for four-year terms. Current Directors whose terms end this year are Brian Vivian, Mary Lou Larson, David Byers, and Kevin Black. Biographical information on the candidates who will appear on the 2019 ballot is presented below.

Spencer Pelton

Spencer Pelton has conducted archaeology in the High Plains and Rocky Mountains of Colorado and Wyoming since 2010. He is a Senior Archaeologist and Cultural Program Manager for Transcon Environmental, an environmental planning company with offices throughout the Intermountain West. Spencer received his Master's degree from Colorado State University in 2013 and his PhD from the University of Wyoming in 2018. In addition to his professional duties with Transcon, Spencer maintains an active research program focused on several Paleoindian sites in eastern Wyoming, including the Powars II ochre quarry, the Hell Gap site, the La Prele mammoth site, and the Sisters Hill site. Spencer has 14 published peer-reviewed papers in journals including Quaternary International, The Proceedings of the National Academy of the Sciences, Biology Letters, Plains Anthropologist, American Antiquity, The Journal of Archaeological Science, and others. Spencer currently resides in Douglas, WY with his wife Hallie and their dog Cashew, where he serves as a member of the Douglas Historic Preservation Commission.

Mary Lou Larson

Mary Lou Larson is a Professor of Anthropology at the University of Wyoming. Her research in the Rocky Mountains has included chipped stone analyses, site structure and formation. She developed the method of Minimum Analytical Nodule Analysis, which she and others have used to increase our knowledge of human technological organization. She has been a member of RMAC/RMAA since its inception and supports its goals as the association grows.

Richard L. Currit

Richard Currit is Senior Archeologist and NEPA Coordinator for the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). After receiving a B.A. in History from Central

Washington University in 1985, Richard went to work in Archaeology for various contractors around the Pacific Northwest. After this, he worked for the U.S. Forest Service in Washington, California, New Mexico and Colorado doing Archaeological Survey and Excavation in support of timber sales, land exchanges, and various other federal undertakings. In 1995 Richard started work at the SHPO doing Section 106 reviews. Richard also served as SHPO from 2001-2003, after which he took on his current position. When not working, Richard enjoys camping and fishing (not necessarily catching) with his wife and dog. Richard's current major projects include, but are not limited to, the Gateway West Powerline, and the ChokeCherry Sierra Madre Wind Farm.

Kevin D. Black

Kevin Black is a graduate of the University of Colorado-Boulder. In his early career, he was a staff archaeologist with consulting firms in Montrose (1979–81) and Eagle, Colorado (1981–88), conducting projects mostly in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah. From 1988 to 2016, he served as the Assistant State Archaeologist at History Colorado, the Colorado Historical Society based in Denver. In his primary focus as State Training Coordinator of the Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC), he was tasked with keeping up to date on all aspects of Colorado archaeology. But he's maintained a long-term research interest in the archaeology of the Southern Rocky Mountains, particularly on hunter-gatherer cultures of the Archaic period, lithic provenance studies, and variations in landscape use among foraging populations. In semi-retirement, he enjoys volunteering on field projects and helping widen the coverage of the Colorado Encyclopedia website.