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## Site Stewardship in Nevada

State Representative Harry Mortenson is sponsoring a bill in the Nevada Legislature to fund an archaeological site stewardship program. Helen Mortenson, a long time Nevada archaeology advocate, and the non-profit Outside Las Vegas Foundation spearheaded the movement. Although initiated in the south, the bill gives oversight and organizational responsibilities to the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) so activities will be carried out statewide.

The program will be similar to the successful Arizona Site Stewardship Program. Mary Estes, the Arizona Program Coordinator, gave a presentation on Arizona's program at an organizational meeting held in Las Vegas on February 1, 2001. This meeting was attended by Harry Mortenson and representatives from SHPO, Outside Las Vegas, the Archaeological Conservancy, Archeo-Nevada, Nevada Archaeological Association, National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Bureau of Land Management. After Ms. Estes' presentation, attendees did a line-by-line review of the proposed legislation to make improvements.

NAA members are encouraged to contact their state representatives in support of the legislation. Members in

the north are also encouraged to attend legislative hearings in support of the bill. Additional information can be found on the Nevada legislature home page at: [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us).

## 2001 Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting, March 9-11, 2001, promises to be a great one. It will be held in the Overton/Logandale area along the Muddy River in southern Nevada, so there is a good chance that inclement weather won't be an issue.

Planned activities include a ceramic workshop presented by Laurie Perry and Greg Seymour on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a no cost activity, intended to teach ceramic neophytes the finer points of in-field, sherd description. After the workshop, there will be a board meeting from 3-6 p.m., and Archeo-Nevada is hosting a reception in the Valley of Fire visitor's center starting at 7 p.m.

Saturday promises a day of research papers presented in the historic Logandale School followed by a no host bar, banquet and auction in the evening. Dr. Claude Warren, Professor Emeritus University of Nevada Las Vegas, is the banquet speaker and will delight us with tales of his research on the early Mormon settlers in the Moapa Valley. The auction will include books, replicated artifacts, and other materials

