

## President's Letter

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Dear WAAC Members,

Thank you for participating in the WAAC membership-wide survey regarding whether to hold this year's conference in person or remotely. Your feedback guided the Board's difficult decision to host a virtual gathering this fall as we continue to navigate Covid-19 safety concerns.

I recognize that the virtual format cannot capture the unique WAAC experience of (re)connecting with colleagues in an intimate, immersive setting – which we all yearn for -- but I do hope that this year is an opportunity to share space with WAAC members who wouldn't ordinarily be able to attend the conference for geographical, financial, or other reasons. I hope you will share the date and registration details (below) with your networks far and wide!

### Annual Meeting

The 2021 WAAC annual meeting will be held virtually (Zoom) on November 4-6<sup>th</sup>, 12-3 pm PST. Registration is free! To register, please visit: <https://www.waac-us.org/2021fallgathering>.

We are delighted to feature presenters that represent the international reach of WAAC's membership, from Los Angeles to Houston, Washington D.C. to the UK. Talks will discuss novel approaches to treatment and documentation, pandemic adaptations to conservation practice and collaboration, reflections that celebrate the WAAC *Newsletter's* 40 years of publication, and more.

The schedule-at-a-glance and abstracts are available for download at the link above. We hope you will spend the afternoon with us!

### Membership

Don't forget to renew your WAAC membership! Keeping your membership current ensures that you receive this newsletter hot off the press. Set a calendar reminder and help friends and colleagues to do the same.

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There were so many miscellaneous covid-related delays these past months, that it made sense just to combine the last two issues for this year into a double issue. Also, because disasters seem to be on-going, the last two articles were considered worth updating, as necessary, and reprinting. the Editor.