President’s Report
Douglas M. Knudson

The President works at least six hours per day, checking progress, urging more, resolving crises, responding to e-mails, writing, worrying about finances, drafting projects. The deferred satisfaction of accomplishment seems slow in coming.

1. The last five months have marked a transition in OSTA history. After several months of employing Ms. Everything, Lorraine Carpenter, we hired a half-time Association Manager, Mr. Donald Davidson. He focused on reading and learning about our group. He soon plunged into the search for funding. He also attended the PNTS/American Hiking Society seminars in D.C.

2. Ann Deegan volunteered as Membership Maintenance Coordinator. In early February Ann wrote to me that she would not continue beyond early February. Boxes came to my home. I solicited help from board members, got no nominees, received a call from Lorraine, who insisted that she should fill in until we got another person. After another week, I assigned the job to Lorraine temporarily—cruel reward for her good work.

3. With some expert advice, I wrote directional ideas for the following OSTA committee activities:
   - Study and Research
   - Preservation/Protection
   - Interpretation (and Education)
   - Promotion of Appropriate Use
   - Arts Team
   - Fun Team
   - Membership Development

4. Pat Kuhlhoff, Therese Janowski, Lloyd Rivera, Mark Henderson and I met at Taos in early January to review convention plans and related issues, including the trail route.

5. Correspondence involved:
   - Donald Davidson, several times per week, on his new job orientation and developing requests for funding.
   - Schlanger, K. Carpenter, Matheson, Ostapuk about OSTA refined map.
   - V. Gipson, Chenoweth, engineer, newspaper reporter about OST route in Grand Junction, in relation to a subdivision plan.
• FAA about Mesquite Airport/Mormon Mesa OST segment.
• PNTS about various topics, including training.
• Interview with UNLV librarian about digitizing OSTA collection as a group.
• Interview with teacher with experience in writing lesson plans about OSTA.
• Many of you about OSTA operations, policies, opportunities, and issues.

6. Visits and talks with members in California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, including installation of San Gabriel Mission interpretive sign.

OSTA needs your enthusiastic support and wisdom to achieve greater success. Congratulations to our Chapters for their exceptional work and intelligence.

Vice President’s Report
Mark Henderson

1. Cedar City Symposium and Chapter Visit. Attended OST Symposium in Cedar City October 11-13, 2007. This allowed me to meet Southern Utah Chapter Officers and members to fulfill duties of VP to visit Chapters annually. Al Matheson deserves credit for putting together a worthwhile symposium and fieldtrips. OSTA may wish to consider a fall “field” symposium as a regular feature in conjunction with Board meetings that would also serve the purpose of stimulating Chapter integration. I do not envision anything as energy intensive as what Al pulled-off, but perhaps Chapters or State Directors could be encouraged to volunteer to host Board meetings? (60 hours, including travel time, 500 miles traveled).

2. Armijo Route Verification. Accompanied Nevada Chapter on two field trips led by Nevada Chapter President Liz Warren (November 3 and November 10) to infer the Armijo Route between Sloan and Sandy Valley. The second Trip was a joint Nevada OSTA and Archaeo-Nevada field trip subsequent to a lecture by Liz Warren and Mark Boatwright (Las Vegas District BLM National Conservation Area Archeologist) at the Archaeo-Nevada meeting on November 9. (24 hours including travel time, 300 miles travelled).

3. Chaired Association Manager Selection Committee. Lead Committee consisting of OSTA Treasurer, Mark Franklin and OSTA Secretary, Judy Knudson to review applications and conduct interviews for the selection of Association Manager. Committee activities took place primarily between November 1st and November 20th including development of specific rating criteria, conference phone interviews with two applicants and reference checks. (80 hours, 800 minutes phone time).
4. Rinker Rock Quarry Scoping Meeting. Attended a BLM public scoping meeting (December 10) in Henderson on a proposed rock materials quarry permit. Wrote an electronic message to BLM Las Vegas, on behalf of OSTA, commenting that the proposed action would be a potential adverse effect on the Armijo Route of the OST. (8 hours, 20 miles travelled).

5. Mesquite Airport Intrusion- Prepared for and attended with Liz Warren and Carol Corbett, Section 106 consultation teleconference with FAA, BLM, NPS, Nevada SHPO, City of Mesquite on February 21, 2008. (20 hours 80 miles travelled).


7. OSTA Physical Protection Strategy. As directed in the October 11th Board meeting I prepared a draft OST Preservation Strategy for presentation to the OSTA Board electronically, so that review, discussion and direction for revision could take place at the March 14, 2008 Board meeting for possible formal adoption at the OSTA Convention in June. (120 hours).

8. Southern Arizona Chapter Formation. In late December and early January conducted e-mail discussion with Reba Grandrud regarding potential formulation of an OSTA Chapter in Southern Arizona. I was unable to make several telephone appointments to discuss this matter with Reba. I need to seek the assistance of the Arizona Director in assisting the Southern Arizona OSTA members in Chapter participation and development. (10 hours).

9. Site Steward Training for Southern Utah Chapter. Attempted to establish interest and date to conduct a Site Steward Workshop for Southern Utah Chapter members at the invitation of St. George, UT BLM Field Office Assistant Field Manager Dawna Ferris-Rowley. E-mail correspondence with Chapter President Rob Dotson and Utah Director Al Matheson, has not yet resulted in a date in May to hold the workshop as suggested for a show of interest at the February 13 Chapter Meeting. (10 hours, 120 minutes phone discussion with Dawna).

10. Coordination with Salida Del Sol Chapter. Met with Doug and Judy Knudson, Pat Kulhoff and Lloyd Rivera on January 7, in Taos to discuss opportunities for promotion of OST in the area. Conducted e-mail correspondence with Doug and Lloyd regarding SMU in Taos partnership for OST visitor information. (16 hours, 20 miles travel).

11. BLM CCS Grant for Trails Workshop. Phone discussions in February and e-mails with Association Manager, Donald Davidson, President Knudson, and BLM Sarah Schlanger regarding use of BLM CCS grant for BLM Phoenix workshop.
and local BLM Volunteer Agreements to support trail mapping, inventory, monitoring, and protection. (20 hours).

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**Treasurer’s Report**  
Mark Franklin

I received the priority mail package and the IRS notebooks in good shape. I read through all the previous years submittals and double checked your notes and materials.

I am sending in the materials to IRS that lists all of the updated OSTA subordinates and includes my address as the new OSTA treasurer. Hopefully they will update the materials this year as they obviously failed to do so in 2007 as noted by Kenn. Consider this note as confirmation that the task has been completed as required by the IRS.

In addition, the State of Colorado's biennial report was submitted in October, 2007. A fee of $10.00 was charged to OSTA's Credit Card and subsequently paid.

One other item. OSTA now has Sales Tax Exemption in Colorado and Utah. I will apply for Sales Tax Exemption status in New Mexico and California so that we do not have to pay for sales tax for item purchased in those states. This will save money for the printing of Spanish Traces (Calif) and Conference expenses. (NM) *Mark

Mark Franklin, OSTA Treasurer  
Old Spanish Trail Association  
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**OSTA Treasurer Report – March 1, 2008**

**Assets:**

- Wells Fargo General Account 3/1/08
- Historic Marker Fund $2,774.33
Retail Sales $3,491.93
Remaining General Ledger $4,743.16

T-Rowe Price Account as of 12/30/08
  Life Members & Traces Reserve Printing $9,450.84

Total Assets $20,460.26

Liabilities: - 0 -

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Income June 2007 to March 2008

Barstow Conference $2,267.00
NPS Cooperative Agreement $15,607.51
Retail Sales 2,427.50
Membership 3,598.00
Donations 128.00
Back issues (Traces-Print) 81.00
Back Issues (Traces-CD) 60.00
File Cabinet (purchase by Lorraine) 173.59

Total Income $24,342.60

Expenses June 2007 to March 2008

Barstow Conference 1,404.50 (Not all expenses provided)
Retail Sales 1,417.06
Donations to Chapter 80.00
Salary (L. Carpenter) 10,000.00 *
Salary (Davidson) 5,000.00 **
Travel (L. Carpenter – Barstow) 2,369.00 *
Office Supplies 1,220.89 **
Bank Fees (international transaction) 5.00
Marker (San Gabriel) 1,074.67
Printing/Mailing (Traces) 3,325.76
Printing (Profiles) 180.27
Webhost 29.97
Advertise 85.00
PNTS Membership 400.00
PNTS Registration 180.00

Total Expenses $26,772.12

*Previously reimbursed by NPS Cooperative Agreement June 06 - May 07
** Will be reimbursed by NPS Cooperative Agreement June 07 - May 08
In my first two months as Association Manager, I focused half my hours on researching and securing Federal funds in support of current programs that meet the mission/goals of OSTA and both BLM and NPS. The result is a Cost Challenge Share Program (CCSP)-BLM that will provide $5,000 for trail preservation training in FY 2008. Other grant writing underway includes $30,000 from CCSP-NPS for a long-range, comprehensive interpretive program that will probably encompass FYs 2008-10.

One week out of the second half of my initial employment period has been spent working closely with Liz Warren at the Partnership for National Trails (PNTS) conference in Washington, DC, planning and implementing our presentations how best to represent the interests of OSTA in meetings with senior staff in the Federal government upon whom OSTA depends on for legislative, material and/or financial support.

Some Highlights –

1. Jaime Schmidt, National Trail Information Coordinator & Forest Recreation Trails Program Leader, USFS, who provided us with information on the diversity of funding programs applicable to OSTA needs.
2. Rick Potts, Chief of Conservation & Outdoor Recreation Division, NPS, who mentored my networking with the appropriate individuals present and engendered give and take between participants.
3. Elena Daly, Deputy Director & Jeff Jarvis, Division Chief, National Landscape Conservation System, BLM, who shared our concern for the lack of a consistent BLM trails policy, and our looking into ways to address this.
4. Lindi Harvey, Deputy Administrator for Special Services, NPS, agreed to investigate and find support as to how the NHTS could receive a portion of the CCSP funds that are to be geared towards the NPS centennial.
5. Following a group meeting with Senators Reid, D-NV, and Elvin, R-NV, Liz arranged a private meeting with Sen. Reid's senior staff member, Jenna Whitlock, who questioned us on OSTA's activities in the Nevada portion of the trail and inquired as to how both her office and the BLM could better assist in our mission-goals.
6. Conferred with Sarah Schlanger, BLM, Santa Fe and Aaron Mahr & Sharon Brown, NPS, Santa Fe on shaping OSTA’s latest CCSP proposals to meet joint mission/goals in regards to identification, documentation, interpretation, and preservation of the OST corridor, especially its high profile sites.
7. Conferred with Bruce and Paula Ward, Executive Directors of the Continental Divide Alliance, regarding the development and implementation of attractive, hands-on interpretive programs.

8. Conferred with Dave Welch, OCTA, on which activities would best suit OSTA needs, as part of his planning of the upcoming Trails Preservation Workshop in Phoenix.

The remaining balance of my hours has been used to integrate knowledge and connections gained before, during, and since the PNTS conference with the OSTA data base to pursue better ways for OSTA to communicate, develop 1, 3 and 5 year strategies for change, and continue to find funding, networking, and media sources that would be essential to implementing such efforts.

In the upcoming weeks and months, Doug Knudson and I will be visiting chapters across the length of the Old Spanish Trail corridor. I will meet with chapter representatives to find out how I might best assist them, walking their portions of the trail together and finding out what makes each one special.

Southern Utah Chapter Report
Rob Dotson

This last year in the Southern Utah Chapter has been.....interesting. I am sure we are experiencing the challenges other chapters have been through and don't wish to revisit. You'll get to hear about them.

The October Symposium was a complete success to us. Expectations were higher than the results, but through the hard work of the Matheson family it was well attended by the Utah Sons of the Pioneers and by National Representatives of our Association.

Thanks for the time to be in the Board Meeting to present our plans for a Museum in Enoch. I had hoped for more support but understand the reasons for some reservations. We are still going through the grueling planning process with the project. Sometime within the next 100 years it will be beautiful.

Member retention and recruitment is not happening. The previous excitement has waned, but do not despair. I have seen Col. and Barbara Matheson's vision and I will never give up. I'll beat the dead horse (burro) back to life.

Mark Henderson and I are planning some preservation training with the Site Stewardship program with the BLM in May—an all day Saturday training. This will excite some members. I have contacted the Utah State director for the BLM and he gave me a negative on the help. But we'll do it through other avenues.
Plans are in place for further education, recruitment, and continued growth. Keep sending me encouraging emails.

WILLIAM WORKMAN CHAPTER REPORT
David Fallowfield

We have very little business to report from England. Currently, we are planning to hold our Chapter AGM in March.

Several members are anxiously awaiting details of the 2008 Annual Conference in Espanola, New Mexico. Possibly the same 6 members who attended Barstow 2007 will travel to New Mexico for this year’s Conference. We are low on supplies of aguardiente and serapes.

Please, once again, send the Conference Packet via email to Chapter Secretary, David Fallowfield (david.fallowfield@btinternet.com) who will circulate it to members here. Adios.

DAVID FALLOWFIELD, Penrith, Cumbria, England 26th February 2008

ARIZONA DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Paul Ostapuk

1. Provided several Old Spanish Trail presentations to traveling Elderhostel Classes in the fall of 2007.

2. Responded to email inquiries sent to the Old Spanish Trail Association then turned that duty over to the new Association Manager.

3. Prepared a Spanish Trails symposium manuscript concerning the 1776 Dominguez-Escalante inscription.

4. Facilitated the NPS Press Release regarding the 1776 inscription.

5. Joined KSL-TV in the first media trip to the 1776 inscription.
6. Reviewed an interpretive audio CD regarding John Wesley Powell’s journey down the Colorado River that included several references to the Old Spanish Trail.

NEW MEXICO DIRECTOR
SALIDA DEL SOL CHAPTER REPORT
Pat Kuhlhoff

We are working very hard on the June 2008 conference. Be sure to mark your calendars for June 5 to 8. Registration forms are ready to go in the mail in March.

We have been attending the Rio Grande Mule and Donkey Association Meetings for the past two months and hearing about the new “Mulas y Burros” exhibit that will be opening at Rancho de Las Golondrinas the same weekend as our conference. There will be lots to do here in June!

Our annual meeting will be held April 12. Our speaker, Bob Shlaer, will talk about and show photos and sketches of Richard Kern, the topographic artist on the Gunnison expedition of 1853, some times along the Old Spanish Trail.

NEVADA DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Nick Saines

1. Several member of the Nevada Chapter attended the OST conference and field trips in Cedar City in October 2007.

2. In October work began on the Mesquite Airport issue – the potential visual and noise impact of the Mesquite Airport expansion on the OST across Mormon Mesa. A committee including Carol Corbett, Mark Henderson, Liz Warren, and Hal Steiner began discussions with the FAA and BLM regarding this issue.

3. A field trip by members of the Mormon Mesa Committee to the Mesquite Airport/Mormon Mesa area was conducted on October 6.

4. An old concrete OST marker was inadvertently re-installed by NDOT at a new bridge site. The October 6 field trip group was not happy with the location of the marker, however. NDOT has agreed to move it and the group is trying to decide
where it should be moved to. It would be nice to have an improved location at the bridge site, but we need to discuss this at an EXCOM meeting.

5. A telephone conference call meeting was held on February 21 with FAA, BLM, NPS, the City of Mesquite and OSTA members Liz Warren, Mark Henderson, and Carol Corbett. As a result of the meeting:

a. The Nevada Chapter will make a written request to FAA and BLM to be included as an interested party and a consulting party under Section 106 in the ongoing EIS process.
b. FAA will coordinate with Carol Corbett to schedule a field trip to Halfway Wash and the Mormon Mesa so that visual impacts can be evaluated from various places on the trail.
c. Sharon Brown, NPS, is gathering information on other examples of noise studies of National Historic Trails.
d. BLM, FAA, and Mesquite will work together to resolve the compliance protection options under Section 106.

6. The Nevada Chapter made a field excursion to begin the process of identifying on the ground the probable route of Antonio Armijo in 1830. The first, conducted in January, explored the possible route from Las Vegas Valley to Sandy Valley via Hidden Valley and Goodsprings. To finish our exploration of the Armijo route, another field excursion will be held this spring.

7. The Chapter will participate in the Nevada “Archaeological Awareness and Historic Preservation Month” activities by a walk-through of the OST Park under construction in western Las Vegas on May 10.

8. A combined OSTA-Sierra Club 11-mile hike on Mormon Mesa is planned for Saturday, April 5.

UTAH DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Alva Matheson

Past months have been filled with both purpose and promise for those willing to share in the wonders of the western wilds and the trails of the past that lead to discovery and fulfillment in the present.

Fresh from the National Spanish Trails Symposium, hosted by Southern Utah University and sponsored by the Old Spanish Trail Association of Southern Utah, the Utah contingent seems to have taken a new interest and enthusiasm for broadening the scope of trails activity in the region. I am repeatedly asked to participate in more technical and more point specific conversations and presentations than ever before. And the word is out too, since the requests are coming from the distant corners of the region from persons seeking a better
understanding of the history of the “Trail” and those showing an interest in learning more of OSTA and our activities. That means that there have been two or more trail trips and/or activities in every past month.

One of the more refreshing indicators of interest is the number of treks to trail locations and the incidents of discovery associated therewith. Of some 179 participants in the symposium nearly half of that number joined one of the OSTA Sponsored Spanish trail treks, putting 19 vehicles on either the Old Spanish Trail or the Escalante trail to the casting of lots location. Weather could not have been any more accommodating, and the association with fellow trail enthusiasts could not have been any friendlier than it was. Great trail, great pictographs, great inscriptions....!

The arrival of our equestrian contingent at the Counsel Cove to share a good lunch was a special treat, making the whole effort one of shared interest and fellowship. We had participation from eight western states, the farthest participants being from Washington state and Missouri.

Published proceedings of the National Spanish Trails Symposium have been well received, the first printing was ordered with a 20% over run to make copies available to those unable to attend the symposium. Production was funded, in part by a grant from OST. A few remaining copies are available from OST book sales or from Al Matheson, 8847 West 2200 south Cedar City, Utah, 84720 for $20 per copy, plus $5.00 for mailing. Copies were donated to a number of universities and trail museums who sought them out. Reputation and referrals can be wonderful things!

Since the Symposium, one trek lead by Robert Heaton to the Yellowstone Mesa region of the Arizona strip resulted in a discovery of a “Spanish” cross engraved in a sandstone wall with an attendant directional marker. It was found by Jim Guymon of the Southern Utah Chapter of OST. An unusual “banjo” petroglyph, referenced in 1930 journals was also located nearby. In all, twelve such petroglyphs have been since identified. It is likely the cross was associated with either the Dominguez group eastbound, or the Armijo group westbound. The functions and or purpose of the banjo glyphs are unknown... but we’re working on it!

Four other sites of trail significance were identified and surveyed. Another trail cross/marker near Santa Clara, Utah, was found by Bob Clark, a “scepter” and cross near Veyo, Utah. A “ghost” pictograph panel located near the Santa Clara River area has also been identified by OST members. Not to let the Indian influence get ahead of us, an inscription by “Kit Carson” along side a “National Parks Service” inscription near Snow Canyon State Park has historians scurrying for validation. Additionally, a very large petroglyph panel purported to be Indian depictions of the Old Spanish trail was located from an old “treasure map” given to a member of OST following a trail lecture. But that is another story, for another time....

Of particular interest and involvement has been the role of OST in working through the Utah State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) as a representative
to the Colorado River Bridge Project in Moab, Utah. The Utah Department of Transportation is currently designing a new bridge to span the Colorado River at the current bridge location. They asked for community involvement in aesthetic treatments and connectivity, as well as environmental aspects to harmonize the new bridge with historical and cultural interests. Meetings and attitudes have been highly beneficial and productive. A final decision on the final design will be made on March 13th, with OSTA participating as a voting member in that decision. The final decision on the design will be announced later that day. The OSTA position has been that a smooth bridge face is less obtrusive, less costly and provides greater opportunity for interpretation by the community.

The opportunity and involvement on the part of OSTA is focused on the interpretive opportunities the new bridge represents. The site is precisely on the original Spanish Trail crossing of the Colorado River, with its attendant historical significance, but it will also include an approach threshold of several hundred feet that can be used for interpretive shadow boxes, murals and panels relative to interpreting a variety of trail topics. The south approach to the bridge will include a descending walkway leading to a river walk beneath the bridge for foot traffic, while the bridge itself will be of an “extruded” cantilever style to minimize impact on the surrounding property, environment and community.

Utah DOT is working with several additional projects involving OSTA. One is the placement of an interpretive site at Castle Gate on the Utah hill (thanks to Gibbs Smith) and placement of two monuments on I-15 to the Dominguez expedition near Kanarraville, Utah, and two more trail panels at the Buckhorn City rest stop on I-15. Signage along the trail is also a continuing project in Iron County in Southern Utah. Personal copies of the Reflective Highway signs are available for $25.00 ea, plus $7 ea for mailing.

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Archives Committee Report
Carol Corbett

The following accession was made to the OSTA Archives at the Western History Center - Denver Public Library, in December 2007.

Judy Knudson and Carol Corbett Files:

Board Meeting - October 2007
  Agenda
  Minutes
  Officer Reports
  Director Reports
  Chapter Reports
  Committee Reports
  OSTA Motions 2004-2007
  OSTA Presentation by Ann Deegan, PhD
Timelines Newsletter (Fort Lewis College, CO) featuring OST article
Proposed Spanish Trails Iron Works Museum, Enoch, UT building plans
Criteria for Excellence
OSTA Fun – A Few Ideas

National Spanish Trails Symposium – October 2007
  Registration Materials
  Agendas
  Handouts
  Publicity

It is the responsibility of OSTA’s President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer to forward official reports to me for the archives. OSTA directors should also collect materials from your community, state and chapter. Committee chairs should collect materials pertaining to your efforts.

Forward them to me for inclusion in OSTA’s archives so that these materials will be available for future members, researchers, and historians.

Submitted by
Carol Corbett
OSTA Archives Manager

Cafepress Sales Report
October 2007 – February 2007
Carol Corbett

Orders

There was one order placed during this time period for a total of two items.

Commissions

OSTA’s current commission account balance is $33.75.

Customers
There have been seven customers since the store was opened in 2005

Submitted by:
Carol Corbett
03/14/08

FEBRUARY 2008 MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY

Additions – New Members:

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1. Carrillo, Sandra C., 48448 Silver Valley Rd., Newberry Springs, CA 92365; 209-931-1358
2. Cronk, Barbara & Gene, 2525 Snyder Lane, Stockton, CA 95215; 209-931-1358
3. Nuttall, Kern PO Box 716, Page, AZ 86040; 928-645-0391; kern_nuttall@yahoo.com
4. Shippen, Natalie, 1022 Euclid Ave., Edmonds, WA 98020; 425-776-7958
5. Farr, Walter and Pat, 2940 Plaza Blanca, Santa Fe, NM 87507; 505-438-4448; pfarr@cybermesa.com
6. Gipson, Victoria, 19 Eclun Rd., Grand Junction, CO 81503; 970-257-1302; bagladyblues@msn.com
7. Najdowski, Mike & Pam, 1810 Paseo de la Conquistadora, Santa Fe, NM 87501; 505-982-1172; mnajdow@yahoo.com
8. Jutzi, Ken, 1084 Sueno Court, Camarillo CA 93010; 805-444-3236; kenjutzi@verizon.net
9. Serrano, Rodolfo G., 2852 Rall Ave., Clovis, CA 93611; 559-292-5038; rg_serrano@sbcglobal.net
10. Everitt, Ben, 170 W 300 N, Ivins, UT 84738; 435-986-0075; rockdoc@xmission.com

Changes:

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Reinstated:

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1. Jon and Debbie Lawrence

Final Notices for March Deletion (January Renewals)

6
1. Todd I. Berens WI
2. Jerry Martin & Julia Drake NM
3. Travis J. Edwards NV
4. Ramona D. Lesley  
5. David Primus  

**February Deletions (December Renewals)**  
7  
1. John & Kathy Boyer  
2. Kathleen Sullivan  
3. Larry Richey  
4. Garry Dulin  
5. Dr. Lyman D. & Karen Platt  

**Complimentary Traces Added:**  
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**Month-End Membership Total**  
466  

**Mailing Addresses**  
416  

**Membership Breakdown:**  
452 Individuals  
9 Institutions  
1 Student  
2 Corporations  
66 (31 NPS/BLM)  
(1 Webmaster)  
(24 Libraries & Museums)  
(5 OSTA)  

**Membership by Trail State**  

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| L. Carpenter  
March 2, 2008  

**AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR FOLLOW-UP WITH LAPSING MEMBERS FROM YOUR STATES.**
1. Wrote a draft of a project for a new, integrated long-range service program for OSTA Trail Partners to become effective trail gateways and centers for interpretive information. This would enable these collaborating visitor centers, local museums, businesses, and others to guide and inform visitors; many would provide interpretive trail experiences. This is new; it will use the results of our preliminary tests to make it effective.

2. Obtained agreement for advisory collaboration of the Council on Interpretation of Native Peoples in OSTA as we work with different Tribal groups along the Trail. A committee of Wilson Hunter, Jared McGovern, Brenda Martin, and Nancy Stimson will work with us on request, as will others.

3. Committee members worked with the preparation and installation of the Fort Lewis College OST exhibit, contributing wording, images, design ideas, and installation (especially Mark Franklin). At the January 27 opening, we distributed OSTA information and membership applications to the 80+ attendees.

4. Dan Wegner and D. Knudson talk to UNLV seminar on telling OSTA’s diverse stories to diverse audiences, at Big Springs Preserve, March 6.

5. Corresponded with a Southern Methodist University visiting professor introducing OSTA and the presence of the trail near their archaeological dig site at Ranchos de Taos. OSTA’s Lloyd Rivera may present interpretive information there next summer.

6. With Claudio Chacón, drafted the family’s OSTA story (he will tell it at the June meeting). With various authorities, started drafting interpretive material about mules.

7. Lloyd Rivera and others explored ways to infuse OSTA interpretation into New Mexico art events and festivals.

8. Committee members reviewed and suggested edits for San Gabriel sign text.
REPORT ON JUNE 2008 CONFERENCE
PAT KUHLHOFF

Here is a report of planning so far. We have the site, speakers, and demonstrators. Working on menus, publicity and volunteers.

Registration forms in the mail this week and so hoping for some funds in soon. No word yet on when we can expect the funds from Park Service. Have spent a good deal of time making up form letters, and other written materials to get donations and send thank you’s. We think the next big push will need to be publicity, starting in late April or May.

Is there some reason that after 14 years of putting on a national conference there is not a "conference planning document" that should be given to the next conference planner? We are feeling like we are spending a good bit of time reinventing the wheel. I will be at home on Friday afternoon after about 2 PM if you feel the need to do a conference call. 505-466-4877.

WEBSITE REPORT
Paul Ostapuk

Provided regular updates to website content
• Calendar events, What’s News, OSTA contacts
• Continued to add new content to the OSTA board website

Created a new OSTA Kid’s Corner page to highlight the bookmark competition at the Barstow School District.

Posted information regarding the Spanish Traces Back Issues CD.

Transferred the info@oldspanishtrail.org mail account to the new Association Manager.

Site visitation averaged 175 visitors per day in February 2008 with an average of 1.7 pages per visit. The most common route to the OSTA site comes from Google searches (48%) followed by Americanwest.com (12%). Referral from the NPS website was 2.0% and 1.9% from the BLM website.

The most frequently visited OSTA page is the Maps page followed by Trail History.