Political Activity

The following are historical activities supported by the Arizona Archaeological Society previously regarding archaeology and conservation.

1976  Harry Potter, Maricopa Co. Sheriffs Dept. asks for help to amend state & federal Antiquities Acts to make penalties felonies, not misdemeanors
1976  Phoenix chapter passes resolution opposing Orme Dam construction
1979  Support for ARPA
1978  Desert Foothills Chapter begins work to nominate Cave Creek Archarchaeology District to National Register
1978  SB 1232, Arizona Antiquities Act requiring ASM permit to dig on private land. Not passed
1979  Archaeological Resources Protection Act
1985  Papago Freeway, Orme Dam
1985  Arizona Conservation Easement
1985  Cerro Prieto & Pan Quemado to protect from adjacent development
1986  Support for Cerro, Pan Quemado, Empire Ranch, Quibiri, and Homolovi as State Parks
1986  Rehabilitation Grants Bill through State Parks
1988  City of Phoenix Bond Bill for $2.2 million for museum expansion & stabilize Pueblo Grande
1990  Arizona Graves Protection Bill
1990  Establish a heritage fund from State Lottery funds to provide $10 million per year for State Parks
1991  Archaeology Ordinance for subdivision developments in Prescott by Yavapai Chapter
1992  Helped stop Legislature from raiding Heritage Fund
1993  Another attack on Heritage fund
1993  Amicus curiae brief in James Teague case. Did he "knowingly" realize he was on state land? Appellate & Supreme Court agreed. Refused to hear the case. Weakness in state law.
1994  SB 1140 proposed to correct deficiency in state law, changing "knowingly" to simply having permission from land owner. Defeated!
1995  Arizona Preservation Initiative to identify areas of state land for preservation versus sale

1997  Resolution opposing HR1127 "National Monument Fairness Act", limiting authority of President to establish National Monuments and write Senators. This would weaken Antiquities Act.

1997  Resolution supporting use of LWCF to buy land for Spur Cross Ranch, Bar T-Bar Ranch (CNF), and Hancock Ranch

1997  Unsuccessful effort to have developers preserve part of Agave House site

1997  Opposed HB 2397 that would rewrite Arizona Antiquities Act and give more responsibilities to SHPO with no additional funding

1999  Opposed closure of Homolovi State Park

2001  Support proposal to reclassify 16,600 acres of State land in North Scottsdale for conservation purposes

2002  Opposed Proposition 100 to transfer state land

2003  Discuss bills to protect sites on private land

2006  Support for HR1019 to expand Casa Grande National Monument

2008  Support designation of Santa Cruz Valley as a National Heritage Area, but the bill was dropped

2009  Oppose State Parks closure of Tubac and Homolovi State Park due to lack of funds, but parks closed in 2010

2013  Support for HR 1348 to form Great Bend of the Gila Nat Mon, and HR 1799 Sonoran Desert Heritage Initiative, introduced by Grijalva - failed