

Report of the Partnership Committee of the ANHA
January 31, 2012 annual membership meeting
Allen Sachse, Chair

The Partnership Committee formed and charged with reaching out to national organizations sharing common interests and to encourage ANHA membership to become active in such organization. The purpose is to share the accomplishments of the NHAs movement and hopefully strengthen support for the work of NHAs.

The most significant undertaking of the committee was to join our historic preservation partners in shaping a shared preservation platform at the federal level. Led by the **Preservation Action Foundation**, a Task Force was formed in 2010 to examine the implementation of the Historic Preservation Act of 1966 by federal agencies and provide recommendations to enhance the NPS external programs. The Heritage Partnership program is considered one of the many external programs managed by the NPS. The national organizations participating on the Task Force included: **Alliance of National Heritage Areas; American Cultural Resources Association; Historic Tax Credit Coalition; National Alliance of Preservation Commissions; National Conference of State Historic Preservation Offices; National Trust for Historic Preservation; National Trust Community Investment Corporation; Preservation Action; Preservation Action Foundation; Society for Historical Archaeology; and US National Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites.**

I participated in the work of the Task Force representing the ANHA. During the study/research process, input was received from hundreds of individuals via an online survey, key person interviews, public meetings, and written comments. Several of our members provided input to the work of the Task Force and Jennifer Spreitzer, member of the research team, participated in the fall 2010 ANHA meeting in Essex NHA. The Task Force was completed in early summer 2011 the full report was released in August 2011. The Executive Summary – Federal Task Force is attached for your review.

The ANHA is very fortunate to have representation of at least three NHAs serving on the Advisory Council to the **National Trust for Historic Preservation**. They are – Scott Wyatt, Mormon Pioneer NHA; Augie Carlino, Rivers of Steel NHA; and Van West, Tennessee Battlefield NHA.

This past fall, thanks to the assistance Martha Raymond and Katie Durcan, we have started a dialog with the National Parks and Conservation Association, which will continue in 2012.

Within our ranks, I suspect there are others active in national organizations whose mission and purpose is in concert to the work of the NHAs. Please share that with the Partnership Committee Chair for there may be additional opportunities to spread the word regarding the work NHA partnerships.

