

NRHP E-Blasts

Electronic Blasts from the National Register of Historic Places (NPS – WASO), sharing news and information with the Historic Preservation Community

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Chief, National Register & National Historic Landmark Program to Retire

After 11 years with the Service, J. Paul Loether is retiring from the National Park Service in mid-June. Loether has served as the Chief of the National Register and National Historic Landmark Program, and as both Deputy Keeper and Keeper of the Register.

Following his retirement from Federal service, Paul will join the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission as its next Executive Director. Anyone wishing to send Paul a congratulatory note before his departure can reach him at:

paul_loether@nps.gov.

J. Paul Loether (right), pictured in the 7200E Hallway at Main Interior, Washington, DC.



Connect with NR and NHL Staff at Vernacular Architecture Forum (VAF) Conference in Early May

Several National Register and National Historic Landmark Program staff will attend the Vernacular Architecture Forum (VAF) conference, “Potomac 2018,” May 2-5, 2018 in Alexandria, Virginia. If interested, contact NR program staff Lisa Deline (lisa_deline@nps.gov), Jim Gabbert (james_gabbert@nps.gov), Roger Reed (roger_reed@nps.gov), Barbara Wyatt (barbara_wyatt@nps.gov), or NHL program manager Chris Hetzel (christopher_hetzel@nps.gov) to coordinate your schedules and arrange a meet and greet.

National Register Historian Patrick Andrus Retires

Patrick Andrus, Senior Historian with the National Register of Historic Places, retired from the National Park Service on April 30, 2018. Patrick started with the National Register in 1979, and in the ensuing years he took pride in mentoring each new National Register reviewer and orienting them to the Program’s history, regulations, and standard operating procedures (SOPs). Andrus was an expert in the evolution of policies relevant to the National Register Program, and his keen wit and institutional memory will be sorely missed.

In addition to the listing of historic properties, Patrick readily acknowledged the tremendous good will generated among the American public by such Program offerings as the National Register Travel Itineraries—a program that continues to this day as a collaboration between the Cultural Resources Office of Interpretation and Education and the National Register. During his 38-year tenure with NPS, Patrick Andrus was instrumental in producing several of the National Register Bulletins as well as other program guidance addressing the evaluation, documentation, and listing of different types of historic properties.



Patrick Andrus leaves behind internal guidance that he prepared for National Register staff, but among Patrick’s legacies bestowed upon the Program was the regular contact he had with staff in state historic preservation offices—professionals he characterized in a recent interview with NPS Park History Program historian Dr. LuAnn Jones as “dedicated people who excel at their jobs and love history and historic preservation.” In recent years, Patrick reviewed nominations from Delaware, Iowa, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, and Washington, DC.

Reassignment of Select State National Register Reviewers

With the retirement of National Register Senior Historian Patrick Andrus from the National Register of Historic Places (above), effective May 1, 2018 some of the state assignments have been redistributed among the NPS National Register reviewers. This redistribution is temporary and subject to change.

Reviewer	Corresponding States
Alexis Abernathy	Retains: KS and NY Returning to Tax Credit Reviews
Lisa Deline	Retains: AL, GA, NJ, and SC Acquires: CO, DE, IL, MA, MO, OH, and PA
Julie Earnstein	Retains: all archeology
James Gabbert	Retains: AR, FL, KY, LA, MS, NC, NE, PR, TN, and VT Acquires: IN, MD, MI, WV, and VA
Paul Lusignan	Retains: AK, CA, HI, ID, MT, NM, OK, RI, TX, UT, WA, American Samoa, Federated

Reviewer	Corresponding States
	States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, and Palau Acquires: DC, IA, and OR
Roger Reed	Retains: CT, MN, ND, and SD Acquires: AZ, ME, MN, and NH
Barbara Wyatt	Retains: CO, IL, MO, NV, WI, WV, and WY

Tips, Resources, and Miscellaneous Factoids

Specifying Number of Property Owners and Owner Objections in Transmittal Correspondence

When submitting nominations for Historic Districts to the National Register of Historic Places, nominating authorities are asked to please specify the number of property owners and the number of owner objections in the transmittal letter or memo. This will facilitate the documentation's timely review.

Resource for Inquiries about Insuring Properties Listed in the National Register

Information helpful in addressing inquiries about insurance coverage for properties listed in the National Register can be found on the National Register Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) website at <https://www.nps.gov/nr/faq.htm> (Follow the link to “Are there insurance regulation implications of a house being listed in the National Register?”)

Helpful Webinars for New Preservation Staff

National Register of Historic Places webinars are a helpful tool for new preservation staff in order to learn about the National Register nomination process, about regulations and other aspects of the program. Previous webinars can be found at <https://www.nps.gov/nr/publications/guidance/pastwebinars.htm>