SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
Days of '76 Museum
Deadwood, South Dakota
July 8, 2016

Call to Order
The meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees was called to order by President Brad Tennant on July 8, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Mary Adams Room of the Days of '76 Museum, Deadwood, South Dakota. A quorum was present.

Board Members Present
John D. Fowler, Richard D. Harnois, Jeffery A. Hazard, Robert E. Kolbe, Laurie Langland, Peggy Sanders, Rolene R. Schliesman, Brad Tennant, Tom D. Tobin-via phone, Francis Whitebird and David A. Wolff.

Board Members Not Present
Jon Lauck

State Historical Society Staff Present
Jay D. Vogt, Nancy T. Koupal, and Caroline C. Uecker.

Others Present
John Teupel, Chairman of the SD Historical Society Foundation, Spearfish and Kevin Kuchenbecker, Deadwood Historic Preservation Officer.

Welcome and Announcements
President Brad Tennant welcomed the members of the board, staff of the South Dakota State Historical Society and guests.

Board Minutes
Minutes of the Board of Trustees' meeting of April 28, 2016 were mailed to the members of the Board of Trustees after the meeting. A MOTION TO APPROVE the minutes of April 28, 2016 was made by David Wolff and seconded by John Fowler. The motion was approved.

There was no State Review Board.

Reports
Director Jay D. Vogt submitted his report. (Attachment #1). Vogt had no additions to his report.

Jim Haug, State Archaeologist, submitted his report. (Attachment #2). Haug was not available. Vogt answered questions regarding the McGillicuddy House and modifications to strengthen burial laws in South Dakota. He also mentioned that a couple staff from the Archaeological Research Center have been working in the Mitchell area the last couple days and found a prehistoric buffalo skeleton this week.

Chelle Somsen, State Archivist, submitted the Archives report. (Attachment #3). Somsen was not available. Vogt reported that a lot of time is being spent on newspaper digitization. Board member

Laurie Langland mentioned that there were only three applicants for the State Historical Records Advisory Board awards for the re-grants and site visits. She said that the information needs to be disseminated better to receive more applicants.

Ted Spencer, Director of the Historic Preservation Office, submitted his report. (Attachment #4). Spencer was not available. Vogt answered questions regarding the Battle Mountain National Historic Landmark at the Hot Springs Veterans Affairs Medical campus. He answered the question why there are more consultants from outside South Dakota that are contracted with the Historic Preservation Office to work on projects versus consultants selected from South Dakota: there are only a few that could do the specific work required.

Jay Smith, Museum Director, submitted his report. (Attachment #5). Smith was not available. Vogt reported that the museum was contacted by a collector in North Carolina that has some interesting pieces about Joe Foss. It is not yet clear if we can or should work with him owing to his lack of experience and the demands he is making. However, we are doing our due diligence to determine what might happen with this collector in a future exhibit. Vogt mentioned that the museum is working to put together a program/ceremony featuring the code talker medal Francis Whitebird's family is donating to the Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society. The tentative date of the program is set for August 26, 2016.

Nancy T. Koupal, Director of Research and Publishing, submitted her report. (Attachment #6). Koupal reported that the Press received quite a bit of publicity due to confidential information being given to a newspaper reporter, pushing the Press to release information that they weren't ready to. As a result the Press did not get the publicity results planned for, as the timing was not right. Koupal mentioned that her office has adjusted how future Pioneer Girl Project announcements will occur. The Press received approximately 250 preorders of *Hugh Glass: Grizzly Survivor* and has sold over 500 copies in one month. Koupal mentioned that Judy Thompson did the cover artwork for *Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography* and is working on the cover of *Pioneer Girl Perspectives.*

Michael Lewis, President of the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, submitted his report. (Attachment #7). Lewis was not available. John Teupel, Chairman of the Foundation, reported that the Foundation accepted the resignations of Bobbi Galinat-Paul, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper and Kimberly Haiar, Development Director. He reported that Michael Lewis's job time adjustments will probably be delayed due to the job openings that exist and need to be filled. Teupel mentioned that Noel Hamiel from Mitchell is a new Foundation board member and that there is the possibility of a couple other new board members, one from Pierre and one from Sioux Falls. He stated that the Foundation is working with Jay D. Vogt and staff regarding a fee schedule to compensate the Foundation for the services that they provide the South Dakota State Historical Society. A mutual agreement has not been agreed upon yet.

Old Business

Sully County Land: Board of Trustee Tom D. Tobin reported by phone to Director Jay D. Vogt his concerns about fencing. Vogt reported that the appraisal is in the process and being handled by the South Dakota State School and Public Lands Office. He mentioned that the Tribal Historic Preservation Offices have not been contacted yet, as they are waiting for staff from the Archaeological Research Center to go back out to the land regarding an archaeology covenant. Vogt mentioned that he has obtained the procedure and proper format to follow to receive a second opinion from the Attorney General if that is still being considered.

Newspaper Digitization Proposal: Director Vogt gave a Newspaper Digitization Program update. He outlined proposal recommendations if money becomes available to fund this project.

Fort Pierre Chouteau Improvements: Vogt reported that the State Historic Preservation Office and the local Pierre/Fort Pierre Historic Preservation Commission are waiting for the design plan from Brosz Engineering. Nothing has been finalized regarding developing a plan on interpretation at Fort Pierre Chouteau, as a lot has to do with how much money can be raised.

New Business

All board members received a copy of the Bureau of Human Resources Conflict of Interest Laws. (Attachment #8). Board member John Fowler recommended that a training session take place with outside counsel in reference to this.

John Fowler proposed, in connection with the September board meeting, to have a retreat to review and discuss the statutory authorities of the board and future project priorities. Discussion took place regarding the subjects to address. It was agreed upon to meet 2-3 hours after the board meeting adjourns on September 9. Fowler will work with Director Vogt to put together an agenda.

Other Business

Vogt reported that Tom D. Tobin is interested in making sure that Pat Adam is considered for the Robinson Memorial Award. This award is named for former state historians Doane and Will G. Robinson and is the highest and most prestigious of the annual Governor's Awards for History. The award recognizes a lifetime of historical achievements and contributions and is not given every year. Pat Adam served as a South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustee from 1991-2009 and was on the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation Board from 2000-2014. She passed away June 22, 2016.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 9, at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

There was no executive session.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 12:20 p.m. MDT.

I, Jay D. Vogt, Director of the South Dakota State Historical Society, declare that these minutes are a true and accurate reflection of the business conducted at the July 8, 2016 meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees.

Jay D. Vogt

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