

## **Director's Report**

My report is brief, given that we'll have wide ranging discussions at the meeting. At the end, I provide some recommendations for that meeting's preparations.

The renovation project is underway. McGough took charge of the CHC in late May as our move, as David shares in his report, went off well and slightly ahead of schedule. The Museum and Archive staff especially deserve accolades as no artifacts or archival documents were damaged or lost in the move and storage preparations. During the strategic planning session, I'll provide you fuller details on the project's summer, fall, and outlook for the 2024 work.

We have added significantly to our support to K-12 history and civics teachers with our work on professional development this summer. Not only did the Preservation office host its annual and full Archeology Camp in early June, and its essay contest this Spring, but Archives, Museum, and the Press supported the Department of Education's expansive education summer professional development. We were involved in input on design, selection of certain speakers, and had exhibit tables at the events. Over three hundred teachers attended the summit in Sioux Falls and 240 are planned to participate in the South Dakota history "Road Trip" 17 to 21 July.

The South Dakota history web site I mentioned at the History Conference is due to be rolled out in August. It is, essentially a "hub" and a site where South Dakota educators, students, and parents can go, see what the standards outline for their grade, and then navigate to relevant materials from the Society's extensive online collection, recommended books, and links to other websites and online materials. Led by Dedra and Jamie, the preservation, press, museum and archives staff had a hand in designing this web site with the Department of Education Division of Learning and Instruction. The site will be free and open to the public allowing all to see what is available. The State Library also had an extensive roll in providing materials for the site. The current SD4History.sd.org web site will remain live for the next two school years.

I'll have more to share as well about the America 250 efforts. The national organization is kicking off a big promotional campaign on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

In preparation for strategic discussions on the 14th, I urge Trustees to refresh themselves on the relevant [statutes](#) to the Historical Society, the statutes regarding the Deadwood grant making formula, [SDCL 42-7B-48](#) and our own grant and loan statute [SDCL 1-19A-13.1](#). Also, to understand the Deadwood Gambling statute better, I recommend reviewing the chart on page 13 of this [report](#). The chart will be familiar to many of you.