

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES  
Cultural Heritage Center  
Pierre, South Dakota  
September 11, 2020

Call to Order

The meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees was called to order by President Brad Tennant on September 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., in the Education Room of the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre, South Dakota; which included board members, staff, and public participation virtually by Zoom and teleconference. A quorum was present.

Board Members Present

Sean J. Flynn, John D. Fowler, Tom Hurlbert, Laurie Langland, Jon Lauck, Peggy Sanders, Brian Sandvig, Rolene R. Schliesman, Brad Tennant, Jennifer R. Winter, and David A. Wolff.

Board Members Absent

Francis Whitebird

State Historical Society Staff Present

Jay D. Vogt, Chelle Somsen, Ted Spencer, Jay Smith, Renee Boen, Jeanne Ode, Catherine Forsch, Holly Crosby, Liz Almlie, Heather Mulliner, Sofia Mattesini and Caroline C. Uecker.

Others Present

Benjamin F. Jones and Bob Mercer of Pierre. Kevin Kuchenbecker, Mike Johnson, Sharon Martinisko, Jill Weber and Leo Diede of Deadwood.

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 June 19, 2020 were mailed to the members of the Board of Trustees after the meeting, as well as being included in their meeting board packet. A MOTION WAS MADE by Sean Flynn and seconded by Peggy Sanders to approve the minutes of June 19, 2020. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 10 ayes. Members voting aye: Flynn, Fowler, Hurlbert, Langland, Sanders, Sandvig, Schliesman, Tennant, Winter, and Wolff. Lauck was unavailable during roll call vote. Lauck joined at 9:10 a.m.

Public Comment

Tennant asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

State Review Board

The State Review board convened at 9:10 a.m.

National Register Nominations

State Historic Preservation Office staff presented two nominations for review.

Presented by Liz Almlie:

- 1) Margaret Burger Apartment House, Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County.

The Margaret Burger Apartment House is nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C in the areas of Community Planning & Development and

Architecture at a local level of significance for the period from 1919 to 1970. It is an example of multi-family housing built for the city's growing white-collar professional class in the post World War I period. A MOTION WAS MADE by Sean Flynn and seconded by Tom Hurlbert to recommend the approval of the nomination of the Margaret Burger Apartment House to the National Register of Historic Places, with the comments. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 11 ayes: Members voting aye: Flynn, Fowler, Hurlbert, Langland, Lauck, Sanders, Sandvig, Schliesman, Tennant, Winter and Wolff.

Presented by Sofia Mattesini:

2) Sisseton School, Sisseton, Roberts County.

The Sisseton School is being nominated under the Schools in South Dakota Multiple Property Listing as a WPA-era school, and in association with the Federal Relief Construction in South Dakota, 1929-1941 Multiple Property Listing under the Educational Facilities, Primary and Secondary Schools building type. In association with both MPLs, the school meets the registration requirements under Criterion A in the context of Education, Entertainment/Recreation, Social History and Economics. Sisseton School is also eligible under Criterion C for Architecture. A MOTION WAS MADE by Tom Hurlbert and seconded by John Fowler to recommend the approval of the nomination of the Sisseton School to the National Register of Historic Places. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 11 ayes: Members voting aye: Flynn, Fowler, Hurlbert, Langland, Lauck, Sanders, Sandvig, Schliesman, Tennant, Winter and Wolff.

The state review board adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

### Reports

Director Jay D. Vogt submitted his report. (Attachment #1). Vogt expanded on his written report stating that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has significantly impacted the Society's operation as far as it being difficult to get volunteers to staff the front Admissions desk. Vogt mentioned that the Department of Tourism has asked once again that they get the Tourism Promotion Tax monies that currently go to the Museum and Archaeology Offices and that the Society replace those monies with State General Funds. Vogt opposes this and will work on educating all parties involved. Vogt reported that the Legislative Interim Rules Committee approved the administrative rules approved by the Board of Trustees at its Friday, June 19, 2020 meeting. The new rules provisionally took effect on September 8, 2020; however, the admission and membership fees were delayed and will provisionally take effect October 8, 2020. All rules will officially take effect on July 1, 2021.

Renee Boen, State Archaeologist, submitted her report. (Attachment #2). Boen reported that her office went live, having the most up to-date information, with the new online ARMS database program. She stated that the processing system on incoming records has tightened up with the result of a good solid system in place for agencies and contractors, alleviating no delay on reports. Boen mentioned that her office received 20 applications for the Assistant Curator position.

Chelle Somsen, State Archivist, submitted the Archives report. (Attachment #3). Somsen reported that Archives Month will be celebrated in October with several activities planned on-line, Facebook live events. She reported that there will be an Archives Month poster. Somsen mentioned that Archives is open by an appointment system for people to get entrance and that she has received positive feedback regarding this system. Over 60 people have visited in-person in the past two months. She reported that Archives staff are currently filling in at the front desk until the position is filled, vacated by the retirement of Ken Stewart.

Jay Smith, Museum Director, submitted his report. (Attachment #4). Smith reported that the museum will be changing a few things in the next few months regarding the “make and take” activities, working at expanding digital offerings, and looking to continue to explore digital offerings with shared programming on-line with the Smithsonian. Smith did report that Trip Advisor contacted him and said the Museum rated in the top 10% of museum visitor attractions in the United States. He mentioned that the National Museum of the American Indian asked to borrow from the museum collection four Oscar Howe paintings.

Ted Spencer, Director of the Historic Preservation Office, submitted his report. (Attachment #5). Spencer reported that the He Dog School nomination was submitted to the National Park Service and has officially been added to the National Register of Historic Places. Spencer reported that Peggy Sanders informed him that the closure of the Hot Springs Veteran’s Administration campus, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, has been rescinded. Jon Lauck commended the Historic Preservation Office for compiling a listing of statues in South Dakota. He recommended a press release go out regarding the listing of statues in South Dakota created by the State Historical Society. Spencer and Society Director Vogt said that could be done. The list primarily features permanent public statues of people or figures largely of human form. The list typically does not include privately held statues, or sculptures located in cemeteries, churches, or building interiors. The new list is available online on the historic preservation homepage at [history.sd.gov/preservation](http://history.sd.gov/preservation).

Jeanne Ode, Acting Director of Research and Publishing, submitted her report. (Attachment #6). Ode reported that Nancy T. Koupal, who serves as director of the Pioneer Girl Project, is making great progress on completing the next volume in the series. She reported that Koupal was featured in an article in the Pierre Capital Journal newspaper on September 4, 2020. Ode noted that the Press is still expecting a proposal for a narrative history of South Dakota from Elaine Nelson, who had submitted a letter of interest earlier this summer. She recently moved from the University of Nebraska at Omaha to a new position at the University of Kansas. As executive director of the Western History Association, she is also overseeing the conversion of that organization’s in-person conference to a virtual event. Jon Lauck inquired whether anyone could submit a proposal, and Ode responded that the guidelines for book proposals are on the Press website and that the Press is seeking proposals for a single-author narrative history of the state. He also inquired about the status of Bill Pratt’s book on the agrarian left, which is scheduled for publication in 2021.

### Old Business

The updates regarding the Administrative Rules and Statues Listing were covered in the director reports.

### New Business

Ted Spencer, Director of Historic Preservation, provided a copy of his analysis of the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission Calendar Year 2021 Budget. The proposed budget shows a total of \$5,800,000 for 2021. Spencer’s recommendations primarily focus on whether the budgetary line items follow the cited Administrative Rule and are within the scope and intent of preservation activities intended by the legislature.

Copies of the proposed Calendar Year 2021 Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission Budget were mailed to board members beforehand, as well as a copy being distributed at the meeting. Deadwood Historic Preservation Officer Kevin Kuchenbecker introduced Mike Johnson, Sharon Martinisko, Leo Diede, and Jill Weber, who were with him in support of the \$5,800,000 budget proposal. Kuchenbecker gave a PowerPoint presentation of the 2021 budget and shared handouts that explained the budget items. During the presentation, Kuchenbecker answered questions from the Board of Trustees. Last year, the trustees expressed their concern that they wanted the total line item “Outside of Deadwood Grants” looked at more closely for the proposed Calendar Year 2021 Budget. Much discussion took place

regarding that line item for the 2021 budget as far as an increase over what is proposed. A MOTION WAS MADE by David Wolff and seconded by Brian Sandvig to approve the 2021 Deadwood Historic Preservation Budget as presented. A MOTION WAS MADE by Tom Hurlbert and seconded by Brad Tennant to amend the original motion that the 2021 Deadwood Historic Preservation Budget as presented, that should any additional funding become available in the budget, that the first \$50,000 be allocated to the total line item for “Outside of Deadwood Grants.” The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 8 ayes and 2 nays. Members voting aye: Hurlbert, Langland, Sanders, Sandvig, Schliesman, Tennant, Winter and Wolff. Members voting nay: Flynn and Fowler.

A MOTION WAS MADE by David Wolff and seconded by Brian Sandvig to approve the 2021 Deadwood Historic Preservation Budget as amended that should any additional funding become available, that the first \$50,000 be allocated to Outside of Deadwood Grants. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 8 ayes and 2 nays. Members voting aye: Hurlbert, Langland, Sanders, Sandvig, Schliesman, Tennant, Winter and Wolff. Members voting nay: Flynn and Fowler.

#### Other Business

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 11, 2020 in Pierre. The meeting will include board members, staff, and public participation virtually by ZOOM and teleconference.

There were no recommendations for Certificates of Recognition.

There was no executive session.

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 12:40 p.m.

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 September 11, 2020 meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees.

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Jay D. Vogt, Director  
South Dakota State Historical Society

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Caroline C. Uecker  
Recording Secretary