

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES  
MacKay Building Library Commons  
Pierre, South Dakota  
April 20, 2022**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees was called to order at 2:00 a.m. by President Tom Hurlbert in the Library Commons of the MacKay, Pierre, South Dakota. A quorum was present.

**Board members present in the MacKay Building:**

Tom Hurlbert, Peggy Sanders, Brad Tennant, Michelle Dennis and David Wolff.

**Board members present via TEAMS Conference call:**

Jennifer Winter, Brian Sandvig, John Fowler, David Patterson and Lura Roti.

**Board Members Absent:**

Billie Kingfisher, Jr

**State Historical Society Staff Present:**

Benjamin Jones, Cassie Vogt, Chelle Somsen, Catherine Forsch - SD Historical Foundation, Ted Spencer, Dedra Birzer, David Grabitske, Jenna Carlson Dietmeier, Katie Wasley, Jamie Patton, and Liz Almlie

**Others Present:**

Kevin Kuchenbecker, Mike Runge, Trevor Santochi, Bonny Anfinson, Robin Carmody and Leo Diede

**Others Present via TEAMS Conference Call:**

SDPB and Adam Nyhang

**Welcome and Announcements:**

President Tom Hurlbert led in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a welcome to the members of the board, staff of the South Dakota Historical Society and guests.

### Adoption of the Agenda

Tennant made a motion to adopt the agenda. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### Approval of Board Minutes:

The December 9, 2022, minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting were emailed to the members before the meeting. Fowler suggested some amendments. **Tennant made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Dennis seconded motion.** The motion carried unanimously.

### Public Comment: (SDCL 1-25-1):

Adam Nyhang of the Sioux Falls Board of Preservation announced his attendance in support of the Cathedral District Expansion nomination, further comments were held until the agenda item was presented.

### State and Review Board:

At 2:06 p.m. the board began the duties of the State Review Board to evaluate the National Register Nominations presented by the State Historic Preservation Office staff.

Presented by Katie Wasley

- William C. and Anna Krueger Barn in the Wetonka vicinity, Edmunds County: The nomination is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A and Criterion C for Architecture and Agriculture. Its level of significance is local. After discussion, a **motion was made by Tennant and seconded by Fowler.** The motion carried unanimously.

Presented by Liz Almlie

- Cathedral Historic District (expansion), Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County: The nomination is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for Community Development and Criterion C for Architecture. Its level of significance is local. After discussion, a **motion was made by Wolff and seconded by Dennis.** After Roti recused herself from voting, the motion carried unanimously.

The State and Review Board completed their evaluation at 2:20 p.m.

### New Business:

- Deadwood Grant Applications, presented by Katie Wasley and Liz Almlie: After discussion, a **motion was made by Tennant and seconded by Sandvig to approve the three out of sixteen Deadwood Fund Grant Applications.** The motion carried unanimously. The approved grants Vale School (\$20,000), Volin School (\$20,000), and the Delong House (\$10,000).
- Election/Appointments/Awards: Dr. Jones presented a brief update to the Board of Trustees election where over 400 historical society members returned ballots. Jennifer Winter has been

elected for an additional three-year term. Bob Kolbe was elected to serve a three-year At-Large term that begins in July. Appointments by the Governor have not yet been made. Tennant and Wolff were recognized for their last meeting as Board of Trustee members and were presented with a gift.

The Awards committee met on April 4, to select recipients for the Governor's Awards for History. The selected recipients are as follows:

Organization Award- National Weather Service office in Aberdeen, Sioux Falls and Rapid City  
Individual Volunteer- Rick Mills, Hermosa  
Individual Professional- Brian Gevik, Rapid City (SDPB)  
History Teacher(s) of the Year- Maxwell Schaffer, Mount Vernon High School and Bob Wilber, Roosevelt High School  
The Robinson Award for Lifetime Achievement in History- Professor Emeritus David Wolff, Black Hills State university  
The Herbert Schell Award- David Wolff for his article in *South Dakota History*, "From Disaster to Prosperity: The Four Fires that Changes Deadwood."

- SHRAB Board Discussion: There is one open position on the State Historical Records Advisory Board. Further discussion has been postponed to the July.
- July Meeting: The meeting will be held on July 14 at the CO-OP Architecture office in Sioux Falls. The meeting will largely discussion strategic planning.

**Other Business (No Action Needed):**

- History Conference Update: Ted Spencer reported on the start of the Annual History Conference for April 21 at 8:15 a.m.

**Reports (No Action Needed):**

- **Administration: Benjamin Jones, State Historian and State Historical Society Director**  
Jones highlighted the America250 kickoff, passing of the Social Studies standards, the move which has been taking place in four parts; the Archives, Museum, Staff and the Heritage Store, the museum depopulation, contractors work, and a groundbreaking ceremony will take place at 1:30 p.m. on May 2.
- **Archaeology: Cassie Vogt, Interim State Archaeologist**  
Vogt reported on research, NAGPRA Burial Activities, Outreach, Repository and Archives, Mining Reviews and State Land Permits, and staffing. Vogt highlighted staff updates, field work has begun and the return of the Lead Homestake collection this May from USD that was excavated in the 1990s.
- **Archives: Chelle Somsen, State Archivist**

Somsen reported on digitization projects, Archives outreach, Archives month, quarterly statistics, the move of archival artifacts, the anticipated restart of research and newspaper digitization funding.

- **Historical Society Foundation: Catherine Forsch, CEO**  
Forsch reported on the Foundation's capital campaign, the oral history project, upcoming meetings and events, and a Spring fundraising campaign.
- **Museum: David Grabitske, Assistant Society Director**  
Grabitske reported exhibitions, collections, and interpretation. Grabitske highlighted updates on moving due to the renovation.
- **Preservation: Ted Spencer, State Historic Preservation Officer & Director of Historic Preservation**  
Spencer reported on staff updates, National Register and National Historic Landmark Listings, budget items, contract projects, education and outreach projects, and City of Deadwood items.
- **Research & Publishing: Dedra McDonald-Birzer Editor-in-Chief and Publisher**  
Birzer reported on staff updates, book awards, 2023 book releases, monthly History Talks, the *South Dakota History* journal, and *History Notes* newsletter.

**Adjournment:**

**Sanders made the motion for Adjournment. Dennis seconded the motion.** The Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

I, Benjamin F. Jones, Director of the South Dakota State Historical Society, declare that these minutes are true, and an accurate reflection of the business conducted at the April 20, 2022, meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees.

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Benjamin F. Jones, Ph.D.  
State Historian and Director  
South Dakota State Historical Society

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Jamie Patton  
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