



Executive Commission Minutes

February 7, 2024

Call to Order:

A meeting of the South Dakota America 250 Executive Commission was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Chairman Benjamin F. Jones via Microsoft TEAMS. A quorum was not present.

Commissioners present via TEAMS Conference call:

Benjamin Jones, Julie Breu, Caleb Finck, David Flute, Catherine Forsch, Kurt Hackemer, Doug Knust, and Shane Penfield

Commissioners Absent:

Peggy Besch, James Hagen, Kevin Robling, Marshall Michels, Sen. Tim Reed, George Seamon, Rep. Tyler Tordsen, and Greg Whitlock.

Others Present:

Jamie Hageman (SDSHS), Kevin Larsen (SDSHS), David Grabitske (SDSHS), Abby Marquardt (Tribal), Jayden Bies (Governors Office), and SDPB

Adoption of the Agenda

Finck made a motion to adopt the agenda. Hackemer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: (SDCL 1-25-1) There were none.

New Business:

- Background Information, Potential Partners: Jones shared an updated on his efforts to promote partnerships with the American Legion, DAR, Mt. Rushmore and the South Dakote Brewer's Guild. Breu noted that as of this meeting she has not approached anyone. Hackemer also has not approached any potential but anticipates the Board of Regents. Forsch shared the Historical Society Foundations efforts. The current America 250 SD website has a link for potential partners to sign up.

- National and South Dakota Logo Discussion: Prior to the meeting, commissioners were sent a document with options for state commission logo. Jones provided background information regarding the document. After a discussion, it was determined that unanimously members would prefer to keep the original logo with some additional adjusts. Due to not having a quorum present, action on the logo has been delayed until the next meeting.

- Draft Partnership Letter: A draft partnership letter was sent to members prior to the meeting and a copy was shared during the meeting. After a brief discussion, the draft letter with corrections was agreed upon for use.

- Commissioner Committee Assignments: After a brief committee background, commissioners volunteered to be of one or more sub committees of the commission.
 - State Commemorative: Finck and Penfield volunteered. Reed and Tordsen were nominated.
 - Community Commemorative: Finck and Knust volunteered.
 - Education and Engagement: Hackemer and Breu volunteered. Seamon was nominated.
 - Partnership: Forsch and Knust volunteered.
 - Tribal Advisory: Flute volunteered and nominated two staff members, Schneider and Marquardt.

Administrative Housekeeping:

- Meeting Locations: Jones discussed the opportunity to hold meeting locations throughout the state beginning towards the end of the year.

- Next Meeting: The next meeting is to be held on April 3, 2024. Meetings occur on the first Wednesday of every second month.

Adjournment:

The meeting ended at 3:35 pm.

I, Benjamin F. Jones, chairman of the South Dakota America 250 commission, declare that these minutes are true, and an accurate reflection of the business conducted at the February 7, 2024, meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees.

Benjamin F. Jones, Ph.D.

State Historian and Director

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