**STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE**

SDSHS Board of Trustees Report

January-April 2025

Garry Guan – State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)

1. **Personnel**

* Maddie Ferrell was offered and accepted the position of Historic Preservation specialist responsible for the Northern Region started on March 24, 2025.
* Elizabeth Edwards was offered the Summer Intern 2025 position and accepted. She will be starting in early May 2025.

1. **National Register/National Historic Landmark (NHL) Listings**

* University of South Dakota Historic Core District was added to the National Register of Historic Places by the NPS.
* Stroppel Hotel and Hot Mineral Baths, Midland nomination is being worked on.
* Mettler Barn, Menno nomination is being worked on.

1. **Budget Items**

* The FY25 SHPO Notice of Funding Opportunity (or NOFO) is still under review at the federal level.
* MOU between South Dakota DOE and DOT are worked on between both parties regarding the agreement of DOT sharing the salaries of one SHPO staff for provide DOT Projects review high priorities as well as resolving the current deficit for the funding from DOT.

1. **FY2024/2025 Major Contract Projects**

* Archives Digitization of Federal fiscal year 2014 review & compliance Files: The Archives staff finished their scanning for that project item. SHPO already transferred funds to the Foundation to pay Archives for it.

1. **Education/Outreach/Other Projects**

* Arch Camp and Archeology HP Month press releases and Governor’s proclamation have been drafted
* The Annual 4th Grade Student Essay Contest: ‘This Place Matters’ was completed with the final winners announced.

1. **Deadwood Items**

* Planning Wong Fee Lee bronze status unveiling and Wong Family reunion during June 24 to 26, 2025.
* Request for Governor Proclamation for the event submitted.
* Davison County Courthouse, Mitchell, $20,000
* Mettler Barn, Menno, $15,000
* Fort Pierre Congregational Church, Fort Pierre, $11,000
* Point of Rocks Log House, Pringle, $15,000

1. **SHPO Staff activities**

* On January 15, Katie W. presented on archaeology to 3rd grade students at Jefferson Elementary in Pierre.
* On March 31, Katie W. presented on archaeology to 4th grade students at Stanley County Elementary in Ft. Pierre.
* Duncan, Maddie, and Katie W. went to the Badlands on March 27 to meet with the personnel at Badlands National Park and for project consultation.
* Garry Guan, the SD SHPO and three staff had an official visit to Lower Brule Sioux Tribe – Kul Wicasa Oyate – Reservation and met with the local CRM officials as well as the Tribal Chairman and Deputy Chairman, built good will and better collaborate working relations
* Garry Guan, the SD SHPO attended Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission April meeting and proposed ***the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission HPC Resolution No. 2025-01: Adopting a Standard Naming Convention for the Deadwood Pioneer Wong Fee Lee (黃輝利)***, being adopted and executed.
* On April 15, Duncan and Katie W. went to Camp Rapid to meet with personnel of the SDARNG