

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
Cultural Heritage Center
Pierre, South Dakota
April 21,2022

Call to Order:

The meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustee was called to order by President Sean Flynn on April 21, 2022, at 1: 00p.m. CT/noon MT in the Education Room of the Cultural Heritage Center, Pierre, South Dakota. A quorum was present.

Board members present:

Sean A. Flynn, Brad Tennant, Peggy Sanders, Marshall Damgaard, John D. Fowler, Tom Hulburt Billie Kingfisher, Jr., Laurie Langland, Brain Sandvig, Jennifer Winter, and David Wolff.

Board Members Not Present:

State Historical Society Staff Present:

Ben Jones, Renee Boen, Chelle Somsen, Catherine Forsch, Ted Spencer, Ronette Rumpca Debra Birzer, Liz Almlie, and Katie Wasley

Others Present:

Kevin Kuckenbecker

Welcome and Announcements:

President of Board Sean Flynn led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by welcome to the members of the board, staff of the South Dakota Historical Society and guests.

Board Minutes:

Minutes of the Board of Trustee meeting of the December 17,2021 meeting were mailed to the members of the Board of Trustees after the meeting. A MOTION TO APPROVE the minutes of December 17th meeting was made by Brad Tennant with corrections was made by Jennifer Winter second by David Wolff. The motion carried.

Conflict of Interest: (SDCL3-23) There was none

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

State and Review Board:

- A. Liz Almlie -Stidworthy, Kemper House, Viborg, Turner County
David Wolff made motion to approve.
Tom Hurlbert second
Roll call was taken all approved. Motion carried

- B. Liz Almlie-The Architecture of Harold Spitznagel and his firm in Sioux Falls, 1929-1972 multiple property documentation form.
Laurie Langland made motion to approve.
Marshall Daugaard second.
Roll call was taken.
Motion carried.

- C. Katie Wasley: Blanchard, William C. House Aberdeen
Tom Hurlbert made motion to approve
Brad Tennant second
Roll call taken.
Motion carried

- D. Deadwood Grants: Katie Wasley and Liz Almlie
Discussion was held and board requested fund balances periodically regarding having a running of the budget and how the account was managed. Next report would include a monthly snapshot.
Brad Tennant made motion to approve
Brian Sandvig second
Roll call was taken
Motion carried

Reports:

- A. **Administration- Ben Jones**
Trustee Elections: Michelle Dennis ran unopposed for the Architectural Historian position will replaced Rolene Schliesman who resigned Jan 28th. David Patterson also ran unopposed for the Archivist position and will replace Laurie Langland who did not seek re-election. Lura Roti won election for the At Large position being vacated by Sean Flynn. Thirty-five percent of the total membership voted yielding five hundred and twenty-four ballots.

The Legislature unanimously approved, and Governor signed HB 1047. The Act provides \$ 8.8 Million in General Funds and the authority to spend up to \$3.3 million in other Funds. Also, the Bureau of Administration will use a considerable amount of maintenance and repair funding for the building in the next four years as a part of the entire project.

The CHC renovation design and bid process: ISG is doing the architectural design work. We are expecting to put in a mezzanine level above the Archive and Museum. Bids for construction's are being handle by the State Engineer office and expecting a contract with a construction by June to start construction.

The New Assistant Society Director and Museum Director is Dr. David Grabitske. This position will focus on design renovation and coordinating between Historical Society staff and contractor

in addition to managing the museum's operations. He will start April 25, 2022. There were questions and a discussion about how the contracting and design process works. Tom Hurlbert explained the design and bid process.

Dr. Jones began the initial work to write a new state history. The proposal has been through reader comment and a contract is now in place with the SDHS Press Manuscript by the end of 2024. Primary audience is K12 Educators, and college students and the general public

New pod casts are expected to be added this summer.

B. Archaeology-Rene Boen, State Archaeologist

Renee Boen submitted her report (Attachment)

The report includes information to Research done by DOT, Private Contractors and SD Game Fish and Parks, NAGPRA/Burial Activities; Repository and Archives, Review of Mining and State Land Permits and other items included Personnel resignations and new hires and Retirements and budget planning and will have 3 seasonal archivists

C. Archives-Chelle Somsen, State Archivist

Submitted her report (attachment)

Update on Digitization Project, Outreach and Archives Month

Personnel resignations and new hires Kevin DeVries

Statistics for November 2021 to March 2022

D. Historical Society Foundation-Catherine Forsch (Attachment)

Foundation Board Update on Oral History Project; SD politics 1970 to Mid-1990's. This is supporting our mission of preserving history. There are 70 individuals to be interviewed at cost est. of \$84,000.

Changing times of Women of 1960s to 1980's. The estimated cost to do 27 interviews is \$37,800.

Museum consultant Split Rock will be coming in 4/2022 and the Capital Campaign will present information to the board on May 6 board meeting.

Upcoming meeting Foundation Board meeting 5/6/2022 and membership meeting. 4/20/2022

E. Historic Preservation Ted Spencer (Attachment)

Update on new hire Józef Lamfers begins May 9, 2022. National Register 'Historic Landmarks Listings

Budget items: See attachments for details

FY2022/2023 Major Contract projects;

Architectural Survey for Hughes and Stanley counties Deadline Jun 1, 2023

Survey of Deadwood National Register District Deadline June 1, 2023

Bison Kill MPL Nominations Project deadline June 1, 2023

Educations/Outreach/Other projects

SHPO sponsored and participated in a highly successful Certified Local Government Conference
SHPO had 126 entries for annual Fourth Grade Essay Contest
SHPO received funding to transition to an electronic Review and Compliance System.
One new Programmatic Agreement was completed this quarter with Forest Service and six new Memorandum Agreements were completed.
Deadwood items 8 certificate of Appropriateness were reviewed this quarter and provided on site assistance twice this quarter.

F. Museum- Ronette Rumpca (Attachment)

New Director David Grabitske will start as Assistant Director/Museum Director on April 25, 2022
Exhibits report Dick Termes opens in Hogen Gallery on May 21 will run Through August 29
Collection's work continues bar coding and rehousing-building appropriate storage boxes for permanent collection in preparation for building renovations move
Programming update
Curator of Interpretation Ronette Rumpca presented a program on American Bison as well two programs to SDSU and STEAM at Jefferson School

G. Research & Publishing- Dedra Birzer (attachment)

The Spring issue was mailed out to member in late March. An article by Mary Andino was included in mailing. Members also received the Annual Report.

Staff changes: Abby Wright, our new production coordinator and associate editor, started in January. Cody Ewert introduced Abby to the board at the meeting.

Open positions: we are conducting searches for another associate editor and will begin looking for a new marketing director later this year.

New books: The press released two illustrated books this April. *American Ace: Joe Foss, Fighter Pilot* is a graphic novel by author and illustrator Hector Curriel. *A Place for Harvest: The Story of Kenny Higashi* is a children's picture book written by Lauren Harris and illustrated by Felisha Hoshino.

History conference: Cody Ewert gave a brief update on the history conference, which was set to begin the next day. It was suggested that any board member who was not planning to attend could still purchase tickets.

History talks: Cody Ewert updated the board on our "History Talks" book talk series, highlighting upcoming speakers and explaining our plan to move these events mostly to Zoom due to the upcoming renovations.

Old Business: none

New Business:

- A. City of Deadwood Historic Preservation Budget-Kevin Kuchenbecker
Brad Tennant asked if the constructions grants affected the Deadwood grants. Ted responded that it would not affect them.
- B. Trustee Candidate Election information
- C. Governor Award Certification of Recognition
Althea Higgins, Yankton, SD was recommendation for Governor Award. Brad Tennant made motion to Award David Wolff second. Roll call was taken. Motion carried
- D. West River History Conference, Rapid City, SD will be held July 19-23, 2022

Other Business:

Elections/Appointments/Awards-Ben Jones presented thank gift to outgoing trustees Sean Flynn and Laurie Langland.

History Conference update-Dedra Birzer

The next Board of Trustees meeting time and location to be determined

Executive Session:

None

Adjournment:

Brad Tennant made motion for Adjournment. Tom Hurlbert second. Roll call taken. Motion carried.

I, Benjamin Jones, Director of the South Dakota Historical Society, declare that these minutes are true and accurate reflections of the business conducted at the April 21, 2022, meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees.

Benjamin F. Jones, Ph.D.

South Dakota Historical Society

Lynnette Eckert

Temporary Recording Secretary