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The Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board
Interim Report
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In June, Governor Voinovich reappointed Jonathan Dembo, Barbara Floyd, and James Oda to the Ohio Historical Records Advisory board for three-year terms beginning 26 June 1995. The board met on 11 August 1995 in Cleveland at Case Western Reserve University. At that meeting, the board approved a draft of the regrant application "Homefront and Battlefront: Ohioans Serve the Nation," against the 1 October 1996 deadline. A representative of the Cincinnati Art Museum attended the meeting to discuss the museum's draft grant proposal. Board members made suggestions for improvement, many of which the museum incorporated into its final grant proposal.

Also at the August meeting, the board endorsed the creation of the Interim Preservation Office (IPO) in fulfillment of a recommendation in the action agenda To Outwit Time. The IPO will be supported and administered by the Ohio Historical Society and the State Library of Ohio. Its first activities will be the creation of a preservation listserv for Ohio and a World Wide Web home page that provides information of use to Ohio's archival and library communities. In cooperation with the Ohio Preservation Council, the IPO will also develop an educational program to teach interested professionals how to preserve library and archival materials.

The board reviewed three grant proposals during the reporting period. In July, Barbara Floyd coordinated the evaluation of the Ohio Historical Society's proposal "Establishing the Ohio Electronic Records Archives." In November, the board reviewed "Arrangement and Description of Cincinnati Art Museum Archival and Special Collections Materials" and "Archives and Records Management Program at the Toledo Museum of Art."

In October, the board submitted its "Homefront and Battlefront" regrant proposal to NHPRC. The project would distribute funds to Ohio institutions to inventory, process, catalog, microfilm or digitize, and produce descriptive guides to collections documenting Ohio's involvement in our nation's wars.

Board member George Bain organized the observation of Archives Week in Ohio, held 8-14 October 1995. This year's theme, "Letters Home: Documenting World War II in the Archives," tied in with the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the war. Highlights of the commemoration included exhibitions at the University of Toledo, Wright State University, and the Ohio Historical Society, a lecture at the Cincinnati Historical Society, and a film festival at the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor. Ohio Veterans of Foreign Wars provided support for the Archives Week 1995 poster, a collage of letters home from Ohio University's Archives and Special Collections and the Meigs County Pioneer and Historical Society.

At the end of two years, the board had spent \$9,455.71, only slightly more than half of the total grant award of \$18,524. The board expended \$5,744.65 on travel and meetings, \$7,809.35 less than anticipated, and \$3,711.06 on supplies and services, \$1,258.94 less than budgeted. NHPRC granted a twelve-month extension of the grant. Remaining funds will support four or more meetings in 1996, distribution and printing of The Ohio 2003 Plan, and services and supplies.

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