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The board's activities during the reporting period included one meeting, the continuation of work on an on-line imaging project, now called "Ohio Memory," and the review of a grant proposal.

A meeting was held 5 June at the National African American Museum in Wilberforce. Among the guests attending this meeting was Dave Larson, DAS Records Administrator, who was asked by the board to serve as ex-officio member. The board discussed the Ohio Bicentennial Scrapbook now called the "Ohio Memory" project. Once considered solely as a possible regrant submission to the NHPRC, "Ohio Memory" has grown into a statewide project under the direction of a committee made up of OHRAB members, OHS staff, and representatives from the library and archival communities. In April, the group submitted the proposal to the IMLS for a National Leadership Grant. The proposal was also presented to a subcommittee of the Ohio Bicentennial Commission in June, and an OHS staff person was designated to work on the project. The board discussed the possibility of preparing a regrant proposal through the NHPRC for the purpose of funding various processing grants that might be associated with the "Ohio Memory" project.

The board heard reports on the status of the HRRS survey. With the final national version due to be released, the board is moving forward with plans to distribute the Ohio results around the state. The board is considering the possibility of creating a series of reports to be distributed as articles in various Ohio archival publications, prepared as oral presentations, and mounted on the OHRAB web site. Four representatives of local historical societies joined the board for lunch discussion of the board's work and local needs.

The next OHRAB meeting was scheduled for 21 August in Marietta. However, due to scheduling conflicts, the board canceled that meeting as well as a follow-up meeting to be held 23 October.

During the reporting period, board members assisted the Dayton Art Institute staff in preparing for re-submitting a proposal to the NHPRC for the November deadline. The full board reviewed the proposal in November.

The board anticipates the arrival in the coming year of state capital funding, known as "Cap III," that will enable the continuation and growth of programs that OHRAB called for in The Ohio 2003 Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

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