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The Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board

Interim Report

1 June 2003 - 30 November 2003

This is a report on six months of activities of the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board as funded by an administrative support grant of \$10,000. During this period the board met on 13 June at Adena and on 30 October at the Ohio Historical Center at Columbus. It planned for and convened a bicentennial conference, entitled The Future of Our Past: Ohio's Historical Records at 200 Years, held on 26 September 2003. This event provided critical input for the formulation of a new records plan, The Ohio 2010 Plan.

Currently, there are two vacant positions on the Board and two expired terms. We are working to make the terms of all board members current and expect results soon.

During this period the board discussed and monitored the ongoing implementation of The Ohio 2003 Plan: A Statement of Priorities and Preferred Approaches for Historical Records Programs in Ohio, which has been in effect since March 1995. On a variety of fronts significant progress has been made and will continue during the grant period. In particular Ohio Memory, <http://www.ohiomemory.org/>, phase two was completed. In July 2003, the American Association for State and Local History honored Ohio Memory with its Award of Merit, the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of local, state, and regional history. For more information, please see <http://www.ohiomemory.org/AASLHPressRelease.html> or <http://www.ohiohistory.org/about/pr/09260203205/release.html> For additional details on board activities please see the attached appendices.

On behalf of the board, I would like to thank the National Historical Publications and Records Commission and its staff for their encouragement and support.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

Appendix A: Minutes 13 June 2003 Meeting

Appendix B: Minutes 30 October 2003 Meeting

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