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Minutes of the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board Meeting, 17 April 1996, Ohio Historical Center

Board members present: Gary Ness, George Parkinson, Roland Baumann, Alice Cornell, Jonathan Dembo, Barbara Floyd, Dennis Harrison, Michael Lucas, James Oda, Carol Tomer

Board members not present: George Bain

Staff present: Elizabeth Nelson

George Parkinson and Gary Ness welcomed the board and offered congratulations to Mike Lucas, the new State Librarian of Ohio. Gary Ness reported that the governor has not yet appointed members to the bicentennial commission or reappointed board members whose terms have expired. George Parkinson reviewed the agenda and reported briefly on the development of the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN.)

Mike Lucas moved to adopt the minutes of the 7 December 1995 board meeting. Jim Oda seconded, and the motion carried.

Elizabeth Nelson reported that through 17 April 1996, the board has expended \$10,284.57 of its NHPRC grant funds. A balance of \$8,239.43 remains.

Discussion followed about the status of NHPRC grant applications. Barbara Floyd reported that the Toledo Museum of Art, which recently received a grant of \$54,392, has begun to identify space for its archives and records management program. Museum staff has also begun to purchase equipment and supplies and schedule records. George Parkinson informed the board that NHPRC did not fund its regrant project, "Homefront and Battlefront." The board agreed to revise and resubmit the proposal in October 1996. The Cincinnati Art Museum, which did not receive funding for its grant application, was encouraged to resubmit a revised proposal in October 1996. George Parkinson offered the board's assistance in revising the proposal and invited staff from the museum to attend a board meeting before resubmitting. Jonathan Dembo volunteered to contact museum staff to follow up on the Deputy Coordinator's offer of assistance.

The board considered information about the Taft Family Papers project provided by Clarence Wunderlin of Kent State University. The board agreed that the project is worthy of support. George Parkinson will write a letter of encouragement to Mr. Wunderlin, inviting him to attend the next board meeting.

George Parkinson reported on the Ohio Historical Society's recently funded NHPRC electronic records consultant grant. The society retained Margaret Hedstrom, Associate Professor at the School of Information at the University of Michigan. She will submit a report of her recommendations for developing an electronic records program in Ohio at the end of the grant period in August.

Elizabeth Nelson reported on the society's application for funds from the Library Services Construction Act (LSCA) and on the technology plan recently completed by consultant Greg Byerly. Cincinnati Historical Society

and Western Reserve Society have joined the Ohio Historical Society's effort to select a vendor for an automated system assuring continuity of access to the online public catalogs and materials of the three largest historical societies in the state. As a cooperative effort, the vendor selection process and automated system implementation undertaken by the societies will be a significant model for smaller historical organizations in the state.

Gary Ness updated the board on the status of the state capital bill, which has not yet been introduced, and which might be delayed until late in the