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Minutes, Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board Meeting, 6 August 1999, Campus Martius Museum, Marietta

Board members present: Roland Baumann, Jonathan Dembo, Barbara Floyd, Michael Lucas, James Oda, George Parkinson

Board members not present: Gary Ness, Alice Cornell, Keith Corman, Carol Tomer

Staff present: Charles Arp, Matthew Benz

Guests present: George Bain, John Briley

Deputy State Coordinator George Parkinson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed the board.

Following introductions, Campus Martius Site Manager John Briley provided a brief history of Marietta and the Campus Martius and the River Museums.

George Bain, Head of Special Collections and Archives at Ohio University, described plans for Archives Week, 17-23 October 1999, in Ohio. Its theme of education will be captured in a poster, a preliminary draft of which he showed he board. He suggested an expansion of Archives Week along the lines of programs in other states. As an example, it was mentioned that Utah's SHRAB sponsors a meeting around Archives Week of groups that are interested in that year's theme. In Arizona there are "history festivals" in smaller communities. As the board continued discussion on how to broaden the appeal of Archives Week, it was suggested that the poster and other archives week materials could be distributed statewide on a floppy discs. Such materials could also be available through a web-site. With the same purpose in mind, a brief video was also proposed, for distribution to local cable access channels and public television stations. Other suggestions included the creation of a modest electronic exhibit, which could include full text documents and historical records related to the theme.

Board Members related news from their institutions and regions. As part of a successful series on "looking back through the 20th Century in Montgomery County", James Oda reported, the Dayton Daily News prints photographs from the National Cash Register Archives or the Montgomery County Archives. Each picture is available through the Dayton Daily News web-site as well. Roland Baumann mentioned a successful effort to raise funds for restoration of two historical portraits and indicated interest in applying for an NHPRC grant to provide access to the papers of Roger W. Sperry.

Mike Lucas noted that the Statewide Resource Sharing Project is looking into possible funding sources and plans for moving the State Library are proceeding. Barbara Floyd reported on a recent Toledo Blade article that underscored the importance of archives and special collections at the University of Toledo. She spoke optimistically of working with the new university president and a new dean of libraries to strengthen the archival programs. Jonathan Dembo reported on the budget situation of the Center, as well as the demise of Queen City Heritage, the historical magazine of the Center, which has seen a decline in readership since the Historical Center and Museum have merged.

George Parkinson briefed the board on the recent National Association of Government Archives & Records Administrators (NAGARA) Conference held in Columbus in July. With a total of 230 attendees from around the country, the conference was a success, and Parkinson noted the remarkable work of OHS staff in doing local arrangements. The session on Government Information Locator Systems (GILS), featured the Ohio GILS, and it received high marks from experts in the development of these systems in other states. The Ohio GILS is a critical component of the Ohio Electronic Records Program and a priority of The Ohio 2003 Plan.

Over lunch the board discussed and approved a plan for a possible conference on Encoded Archival Description (EAD) to be held in the next year, possibly in April to coincide with the Spring SOA meeting.

Following lunch, Matthew Benz briefed the board on the recent OHRAB Support Grant submitted to NHPRC. The grant asks for \$13,458 from NHPRC for two years. The minutes from the 19 March meeting were then reviewed and adopted.

Charles Arp described the National Forum on Archival Continuing Education (NFACE) as sponsored by the Council of State Historical Records Coordinators and funded by the NHPRC. It will develop an action agenda for archival continuing education in the next decade and improve the accessibility to information resources about best practices in the care of historical records. Arp asked for the board's endorsement on carrying out the project in Ohio. The board discussed NFACE, and approved support of the project.

The board then discussed The Ohio 2003 Plan. Baumann and Floyd supported a proposed revision of the plan. The board agreed, and Baumann and Floyd, along with Dembo, agreed to serve as a subcommittee for that purpose. The subcommittee will make recommendations to the board at its next meeting on how best to proceed.

Regarding the Ohio Memory project, Parkinson reported that currently there is no action or movement while the Bicentennial Commission studies the proposal.

The board closed the meeting by approving a Resolution of Thanks to John Briley and the staff of Campus Martius for the assistance and hospitality.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George Parkinson

Deputy Coordinator

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