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Minutes, Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board Meeting, 6 April 2000, Ohio Historical Society, Columbus

Board members present: Jonathan Dembo, Barbara Floyd, Michael Lucas, George Parkinson, Carol Tomer

Board members not present: Roland Baumann, Keith Corman, Alice Cornell, Gary Ness, Jim Oda

Staff present: Charles Arp, Matthew Benz, Laurie Gemmill, Elizabeth Nelson, Judy Walker

Guests present: George Bain-Archivist, Ohio University, Saul Berman-OSU Super Computer Center, Dave Larson-DAS State Records Administrator, Ann Newhall-NHPRC

Deputy State Coordinator George Parkinson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and welcomed the board.

Assistant State Archivist Charles Arp gave a presentation on the Electronic Records Program grant proposal that is being finalized for submitting to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). The State Archives is working on this proposal in conjunction with the Ohio State University Super Computer Center. NHPRC Executive Director Ann Newhall and the board discussed the proposal and various concerns with email retention and privacy issues.

Newhall spoke on the board's decision to revise The Ohio 2003 Plan and addressed how it fit in with the overall issue of state planning. Newhall agreed with the idea of a board retreat and suggested that the board contact their counterparts in Delaware, who recently held their own retreat. George Parkinson mentioned the possibility of asking Roy Tryon of South Carolina's board to serve as facilitator during the retreat. Newhall urged the board to examine other state plans before the retreat with the idea of adopting the plan which best fits the needs of Ohio. A "roundtable" discussion of various issues related to OHRAB and NHPRC continued between the board and Newhall.

Elizabeth Nelson updated the board on the standing of the Ohio Memory Project. She reported that Laurie Gemmill has been named Project Manager, and that they were preparing to hire staff in the coming months. Symposia will be held in the fall to drum up public interest in the project.

A discussion on digitization issues followed.

George Bain addressed the board on Archives Week. He reported that Archives Week 1999 with a theme of "Celebrating Education" was very successful with the distribution of 5000 posters and 6000 bookmarks. The theme for the year 2000 will be "Museums in Ohio."

The adoption of the minutes for the 12 November meeting was postponed until the next meeting.

Jonathan Dembo announced his resignation from the board effective the 30th of June. Dembo has accepted a position at East Carolina University. He will serve as the Head of the Special Collections Department, Assistant

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Professor, Academic Library Services. The board accepted the resignation and thanked Dembo for his service and commitment to OHRAB and to Ohio Archives through the years. His dedication will be sorely missed in Ohio, as will his presence on the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George Parkinson

Deputy Coordinator

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