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Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board, Minutes, 30 October 2003, Ohio Historical Center, Columbus

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlie Arp, Roland Baumann, John Fleming, Barbara Floyd, Raimund Goerler, Mike Lucas, Julie McMaster, Jim Oda, Kermit Pike, George Parkinson and Carol Tomer.

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Ronald Koettters

STAFF PRESENT: Katherine Goliver, Bill Laidlaw and Rachel Tooker

George Parkinson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., introducing Bill Laidlaw, Executive Director, Ohio Historical Society, and in turn board members introduced themselves.

Dr. Laidlaw congratulated the Board on the successful conference, The Future of Our Past: Ohio's Historical Records at 200 Years, held on 26 September at the Ohio Historical Center at Columbus, with over 100 archivists, librarians, curators, records managers and public officials in attendance. He noted that the evaluations of the event were positive. He outlined his views on strategic issues facing the Ohio Historical Society and for establishing strong ties between the Society and the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board. To that end he extended an invitation to the records board to make a thirty-minute presentation (including presentation and general discussion) to the Ohio Historical Society Board of Trustees outlining how OHRAB's perspectives and strategic interests, soon to be captured in The Ohio 2010 Plan, are congruent with those of the Society. He described how he looked forward to being the coordinator for the records board.

He welcomed the board's involvement in the search for a new state archivist, noting that Roland Baumann and Mike Lucas have agreed to serve on the search committee. He encouraged compliance with Governor Bob Taft's requirement that members of all state boards and commissions attend training sessions and adopt a model ethics policy. He invited inquiries on recent newspaper articles, critical of the Ohio Historical Society, and answered questions asked by board members as to the factual accuracy and intent of these reports.

George Parkinson also invited board participation in the search for the new state archivist, Charles Arp having resigned from this position in September to become records manager for Battelle Memorial Institute. In addition to two board members serving on the search committee, Parkinson suggested that other board members attend presentations of the candidates who were finalists for the position and fill out evaluation forms, which would be considered by the search committee as it deliberated. Parkinson said that all board members should be asked to participate with the exception of Charles Arp, as it might be, or appear to be inappropriate for him to help select his successor. After a discussion of the issues involved, Arp declined participation in the candidate presentations and the board accepted the proposed role for itself in the search for a new state archivist.

Next, the board welcomed representatives from two Ohio repositories of historical records that had submitted grant requests to the Commission against a 1 October deadline and which the board was required to review by 15 December. In both cases the applicants had not availed themselves of the opportunity to provide a written outline of the proposed project at least sixty days in advance of the deadline, as suggested in the state plan. Kevin Proffit and

Ina Remus from the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, located in Cincinnati, explained their proposal, Microfilming the World Jewish Congress Collection, and answered questions. Warren Brown and Tracy Overmyer, of Sandusky County, did the same for their proposal, Microfilming some contents of the Clerk of Courts records in an attic storage area...

After lunch, it was agreed that the model ethics policy, recommended by Governor Taft, be referred to the membership committee for consideration. A subcommittee was formed to draft the initial version of the 2010 Plan. The next board meeting was set for 15 January 2004, to be held at the Ohio Historical Center, with the primary item on the agenda being The Ohio 2010 Plan. This would allow for a draft of the plan to be ready for an OHRAB presentation at a 12 March meeting of the Society's Board of Trustees.

Rai Goerler left the room, recusing himself from a discussion of The Ohio State University grant proposal, 20th Century Cultural History: The Caniff, Saalfield, and Wilson Collections. A general discussion of the three proposals ensued, and a deadline of 1 December was set for completion of the board reviews.

Goerler rejoined the meeting, and Charles Arp asked George Parkinson about funding for the Ohio Memory Project, specifically if any grants had been written and submitted seeking additional funding. He replied that such grants were being written and that one would be submitted to the State Library of Ohio under the LSTA Migrant program. It was moved by Mike Lucas and seconded by Jim Oda that the minutes of the 13 June 2003 meeting of the board be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George Parkinson, Acting Coordinator

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