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Historical Records Advisory Board Minutes, 18 June 2004 Ohio Historical Center

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

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: George Parkinson

STAFF PRESENT: Laurie Gemmill, Katherine Goliver, Pari Swift, Jim Strider, and Rachel Tooker

Guests: Devrha Bennett Jones, Christine Crandall, Dr. Frederic Krome and Dorothy Smith

At 10:00 a.m. Bill Laidlaw welcomed the board. He noted the promotions of Laurie Gemmill to State Archivist and Pari Swift to Assistant State Archivist. Roland Baumann and Mike Lucas were thanked for their participation on the search committee. Laurie will be appointed to a four-year term as Deputy State Coordinator.

The recent restructuring of the Ohio Historical Society, particularly the restructuring of the Archives/Library Division, was discussed. Bill thanked Jim Strider for accepting his new responsibilities. OHS views these changes as a strengthening of its commitment to the Archives/Library and is looking forward to developing a true partnership with the board. Bill expressed his dedication and that he is pleased by his appointment as State Coordinator for OHRAB. Rachel Tooker discussed the necessity of the restructuring to build a stronger organization less dependant on state funds.

Rachel Tooker stated that OHS will feel the loss of the significant leadership of George Parkinson, but expressed her confidence in Jim Strider's ability to be an effective advocate for the Archives/Library. Jim Strider expressed his firm belief that OHS has a role in leading historical organizations in the state.

It was moved by Jim Oda and seconded by Roland Baumann that a resolution of appreciation on behalf of the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board be made to George Parkinson for his leadership, expertise, friendship and perseverance. The motion was unanimously passed.

The board reviewed its recent presentation to the Ohio Historical Society Board of Trustees.

Discussion ensued regarding past problems regarding communications and management of records in Ohio. Rachel Tooker stated that OHS management has a high regard for OHRAB and that OHS will be working with OHRAB on strategic planning.

Bill Laidlaw requested additions to this and the next meeting's agenda. Charlie Arp requested that the IMLS/AASLH Basics of Archives Education, beta testing be added to this agenda. The work of the subcommittees and discussion of digitization in Ohio will be added to the next meeting agenda.

It was moved by Jim Oda and seconded by Rai Goerler that the minutes of 12 March 2004 be approved as

presented. Motion was called, passed unanimously.

The board discussed the status of the new strategic plan. It was moved by Roland Baumann and seconded by Charlie Arp that the plan subcommittee reconvene to add action items, emphasis on the outcomes and to be broader in scope. Jim Strider and Laurie Gemmill were added to the subcommittee of Rai Goerler, Julie McMaster, and Charles Arp. Motion was called, passed unanimously. At the August meeting a new draft of the plan will be presented.

Pari Swift updated the board on the most recent meeting of the Electronic Records Committee. Board discussed the current status of the ERC.

At 11:45, Bill Laidlaw invited the representatives from the World Jewish Congress to join the meeting, introductions were made and the lunch break began. The current draft of the World Jewish Congress' grant was presented and OHRAB offered suggestions.

Following the presentation, Jim Strider discussed the Ohio Historical Society's response to the House Select report. Status reports were provided on several reviewed and future grants. Elizabeth Nelson joined the board and provided an update on the Ohio Memory Project. Future funding possibilities were discussed.

OHRAB administrative matters were reviewed and the conversation proceeded to the public records coverage by the Ohio Newspaper Association. Both of these topics will also appear on the August agenda.

It was moved by Roland Baumann and seconded by Kermit Pike that the next meeting will be 20 August at the Ohio Historical Center. Motion was called, passed unanimously.

After a brief update by Charlie Arp on the Archives 101, it was moved by John Fleming and seconded by Jim Oda to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

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