

OHIO HISTORICAL RECORDS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes: July 23, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Fred Previts (ex officio), Connie Conner (ex officio), Margaret Roulett, Robin Heise, Tina Ratcliff, Stephen Badenhop, Virginia Dressler, Michelle Sweetser, Tim Neal, Ernest Thode, John Dewees, and Bill Modrow

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Burt Logan (ex officio), Russ Pollitt, Meghan Hays, Tami Kelly

OHC STAFF PRESENT: Debra Moorehead, Todd Kleismit

I. **Welcome**

Ratcliff called the meeting to order. Ratcliff announced Roulett would be leaving the board for a new position with the Library of Congress.

II. **Consent Agenda**

- a. April 30, 2021 Minutes: Sweetser motioned to approve and was seconded by Modrow. Minutes approved.
- b. Ohio Electronic Records Committee Report: Sweetser motioned to approve and was seconded by Modrow. Report approved.

III. **Strategic Discussion**

- a. Ohio History Connection Update: Todd Kleismit reported that the Ohio Village is open and the Ohio History Center's museum is scheduled to open September 8, 2021. Also, the reading room is open by appointment. He also shared that the Harding Presidential Center dedication will be held September 24. Kleismit reported that the state operating budget passed and the Ohio History Connection received increases in two of its six budget line items. He also shared that Statehood Day is scheduled for March 1, 2022 at the Statehouse and planning continues for the American 250 celebration.
- b. Membership Update: Ratcliff mentioned the board will need a new at-large member to replace Roulett and suggested a member from the Cleveland area. If board members have suggestions they should let Previts know.
- c. OHRAB Budget: Previts reviewed the remaining expenses for the year. He mentioned that there is money for meeting expenses that hasn't been spent

due to meeting virtually. Some of this would be used in October if that meeting is held in person.

- d. **Committee and Organizational Updates:** Ratcliff reported on the Awards Committee. The announcements for the professional development scholarships and the Citizen Archivist Award nominations have been sent out. The Professional Development applications are due September 30 and the Citizen Archivist Award nominations are due September 17. She also shared that the announcement for the Achievement Award nominations will be sent in August.

Badenhop said that the regrant projects are underway and that the interim reports are due August 31. Sweetser and Heise reported on the Advocacy Committee and encouraged members to promote the board's Facebook page and submit headshots and biographies to post. Heise also provided an update on the archival fellowships and shared that the students are reviewing census records and deed indexes.

- IV. New Business:** Previts asked if the board wants to meet in person for the October meeting. It was decided to wait until October 1st to see where things stand with the virus.

- V. Closing**
Modrow motioned to adjourn. Roulett seconded. All approved.