

## OHIO HISTORICAL RECORDS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes: October 29, 2021

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Fred Previts (ex officio), Connie Conner (ex officio), Robin Heise, Virginia Dressler, Michelle Sweetser, Tim Neal, Ernest Thode, Stephen Badenhop, Tami Kelly, Meghan Hays and Bill Modrow

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Burt Logan (ex officio), Russ Pollitt, Tina Ratcliff

OHC STAFF PRESENT: Debra Moorehead, Todd Kleismit, Elizabeth Woods

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### I. **Welcome**

Badenhop called the meeting to order.

### II. **Consent Agenda**

- a. July 23, 2021 Minutes: Heise motioned to approve and was seconded by Modrow. Minutes approved.

### III. **Strategic Discussion**

- a. Ohio History Connection Update: Todd Kleismit reported that the state will form a commission to coordinate Ohio's America 250 initiative. He also shared that the next Statehood Day event is scheduled for March 1, 2022 and will be in person at the Statehouse. Talks are taking place to discuss if there will also be an online option to attend.
- b. Membership Update: Previts reported that there are currently two vacancies on the board, one as a gubernatorial appointment and one as an at-large appointment. These are both three year terms. Members discussed possible candidates and asked Previts to invite Patrice Hamiter of the Western Reserve Historical Society as the gubernatorial appointee and Lisa Smilnak of the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Library as the at-large appointee.
- c. OHRAB Budget: Previts reviewed the remaining expenses for this year's budget, including the Archives Achievement Award plaque that will be given next month.

Badenhop motioned to move \$597.04 of unused board meetings funds to the regrant funds. Thode seconded and the board approved the motion.

- d. Committee and Organizational Updates: Badenhop shared Ratcliff's Awards Committee Report. The announcement for the 2021 Achievement Award has

been sent out and nominations are due November 12. He also shared that the winner of the 2021 Citizen Archivist Award was Barbara Matthies of the Clark County Historical Society. Ratcliff is waiting to hear from the Clark County Historical Society as to whether they will accept the scholarship money for the award. The fall professional development scholarship was awarded to Renee Hennemann of the Summit County Historical Society and reimbursed costs to attend the Ohio Genealogical Society's Rustic Pathways Conference.

Previts reported on the Archival Fellowship program and shared information provided by Heise, including the number of entries found in 2021 and the total number found between the 2018 and 2021 projects. He mentioned that he will be talking to Heise about applying for funding to continue the project in 2023.

Badenhop reported that the regrant interim reports were due in August. The 2022 grant opportunity will be announced in February.

Sweetser provided an update on the Advocacy Committee and reminded members to send their photos and biographies to Heise to post on the board's Facebook page.

**IV. New Business:** Badenhop shared that as part of the review of its 2022 grant application to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, the board was asked how it could help ensure that under-documented communities and topics, as well as underserved areas of the state, are represented among regrant applicants. Members discussed adding language to the grant announcement and guidelines encouraging these types of projects. The board also discussed encouraging potential applicants to submit draft applications ahead of time for feedback.

**V. Closing**

Modrow motioned to adjourn. Hays seconded. All approved.