

Indiana State Historic Records Advisory Board

Minutes – January 30, 2014

Indiana State Archives

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by State Coordinator Jim Corridan

Roll Call

Present: Jim Corridan, John Newman, Tom Krasean, Wes Wilson, Curt Witcher

Guests Present: Ted Cotterill, Noah Goodling

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve Agenda. Newman – Witcher. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from September 16, 2013.

Motion to approve minutes of September 16, 2013. Witcher – Wilson. Motion carried.

State Coordinator's Report

NHPRC SNAP Grant

Corridan and Goodling passed out a draft copy of the SHRAB Survey of Repositories, and asked the Board for feedback. The draft needs to be wrapped up by the end of February, and will be funded in April.

Corridan announced that SHRAB had once again applied for and received mini-grant funding to be used for activities like repository assessments and digital training workshops around the state.

Corridan mentioned that SNAP grants will be changing in the near future to be more “directed”—exact details of what this means are unclear, but should be clarified in March.

State Archives Update

Corridan mentioned that there will be funding available in the Spring for training programming regarding local governmental records.

Corridan stated that the Indiana Digital Archives (digitalarchives.IN.gov) will be adding the Indiana Supreme Court database, which will include case data from 1816-1883. The Digital Archives will also be adding metrics and analytics, allowing State Archives staff to better understand our users.

Corridan mentioned that Governor Pence met with the co-chairs of the Indiana Bicentennial Committee, and brought up the idea that a new State Archives building is a priority for the next

few years. Other Bicentennial ideas that were discussed include having a traveling exhibit that showcases Indiana's founding documents, and a book about the Indiana Constitutional Convention and its delegates.

Statewide Electronic Records Initiative

Corridan announced that some of the members of SHRAB will meet with SAA at their conference in an attempt to form a collaborative venture aimed at creating a centralized digital repository for records in Indiana. The national group RPAC was mentioned as a possible partner that may want to be involved in a centralized digital system.

Old Business

Ancestry.com

Corridan mentioned that the State Archives is about to finalize an agreement with Ancestry.com to publish Indiana birth and death records online. Ancestry also wants the State Archives to host an "Ancestry Days" event, which could attract 750-1000 people.

Family Search

Corridan also brought up that the State Archives is trying to reach an agreement with Family Search to publish tax duplicate records online.

New Business

Governor's Award

Corridan mentioned the Governor's Award and requested nominees. Wilson brought up the Society of Indiana Archivists; Newman mentioned Chris McHenry.

USI Application Review for NHPRC

Corridan brought up the pending USI grant application, and asked for feedback. The Board discussed the application. The ultimate decision by the Board was to support the grant; this decision passed unanimously.

SHRAB Report to the Governor

Corridan presented the report that was prepared for Governor Pence. The report spelled out the case for a new State Archives building, discussing humidity and temperature fluctuation issues that occur at the current State Archives. The Canal site, location across from the Indiana Historical Society, seems to be the best option currently, but several other locations were also discussed. A motion was made to approve the report. Newman – Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Corridan also mentioned that a report was being presented to Governor Pence regarding collaboration with Indiana University for a digital records initiative. A motion was made to approve the report. Witcher – Krasean. Motion carried unanimously.

Krasean mentioned his neighbor, who is a lifelong World War II researcher. The neighbor is looking to donate his collection of research materials and collected items to a suitable repository. Corridan suggested the Indiana Military Museum or the Indiana War Memorial.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by John Newman, seconded by State Coordinator Jim Corridan. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.