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COMMISSION TO RECOMMEND A STATE HOUSE MEMORIAL FOR GOVERNOR O'BANNON

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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: June 16, 2004
Meeting Time: 11:00 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington
St., Senate Chambers
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 1

Members Present: Sen. James Merritt, Co-Chairperson; Rep. Paul Robertson, Co-Chairperson; Sen. Richard Young; Sen. James Lewis; Rep. Thomas Saunders.

Members Absent: Sen. Sue Landske; Rep. William Cochran; Rep. David Yount.

I. Call to Order

Senator Merritt called the Commission to order at 11:05 a.m.

II. Introductory Comments

Senator Merritt explained that the Commission's charge is to make recommendations for the creation of a suitable memorial for the State House to honor the

1. Exhibits and other materials referenced in these minutes can be inspected and copied in the Legislative Information Center in Room 230 of the State House in Indianapolis, Indiana. Requests for copies may be mailed to the Legislative Information Center, Legislative Services Agency, 200 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2789. A fee of \$0.15 per page and mailing costs will be charged for copies. These minutes are also available on the Internet at the General Assembly homepage. The URL address of the General Assembly homepage is <http://www.ai.org/legislative/>. No fee is charged for viewing, downloading, or printing minutes from the Internet.

memory of the late Governor Frank O'Bannon. Senator Merritt said that in informal discussions among some Commission members, it was suggested that a bust of the likeness of Governor O'Bannon be created and displayed in the niche just outside the south door to the Senate Chambers where the bust of Calvin Fletcher is currently displayed.

Senator Merritt stated that several artists had been invited to speak at the meeting regarding ideas for a suitable memorial for Governor O'Bannon. He asked that each artist give a brief summary of the artist's background and give a time frame for creation of the work and an estimate of the cost.

III. Presentation by Artists

A. Pat Mack

Mr. Mack summarized his experience as a sculptor highlighting his work in bronze castings. Mr. Mack showed Commission members photographs of some of his works. He estimated that a bust of Governor O'Bannon would require two to four months to complete and cost approximately \$15,000.

B. Ken Rydén

Mr. Rydén distributed a folder containing materials describing his works and his background.² Mr. Rydén discussed his background and experience. He said that a bust of Governor O'Bannon could be completed in two to three months and would cost approximately \$15,000 - \$20,000.

During Mr. Rydén's presentation, Representative Saunders asked how large a bust of Governor O'Bannon would be. Senator Merritt said that he thought the work should be comparable to the bust of Governor Orr displayed near the north entrance to the Senate Chamber. Representative Robertson said that while Commission members had been thinking in terms of a bust, he thought that the artists should feel free to make other suggestions.

Mr. Rydén responded that a bust of Governor O'Bannon would certainly be appropriate but that there were other possible approaches if the Commission were interested in a more monumental piece. He emphasized that the Commission needed to set limits within which the artist should work.

Representative Robertson said he also anticipated that a bust of Governor O'Bannon would be displayed in the niche outside the south door of the Senate Chamber where the bust of Calvin Fletcher is displayed. Representative Saunders discussed the works of Sherman Minton and Robert Owen displayed on the main floor of the State

2. The folder is Exhibit 1 to these Minutes. The folder contains the following materials: a letter to Commission Members from Mr. Rydén dated June 14, 2004; a photograph of Governor O'Bannon with Ken and Lynn Ryden on an 8½" x 11" page; four 8½" x 11" pages showing several of Mr. Rydén's works; another 8½" x 11" page with a short biography of Mr. Rydén also displaying some of his works; Mr. Rydén's business card; a smaller folder containing Mr. Rydén's business card and 14 photographs of various of his works; a brochure for Rydén Galleries.

House.

C. Lou Ann Lanagan

Ms. Lanagan described her background and experience and distributed materials for the Commission's information.³ Ms. Lanagan said that a bust of Governor O'Bannon would cost approximately \$18,000, with a third of the cost to be paid upon beginning the work, a third of the cost to be paid when the work was sent to the foundry, and the remainder of the cost to be paid at delivery. She said that the work would take four or more months from beginning to delivery, depending upon the schedule of the foundry used.

D. Bill Wolf

Mr. Wolf described his background and experience. He highlighted his work on the Korean War Memorial in Vigo County which is a full size work. He also discussed a statue of Orville Wright displayed in Dayton, Ohio that he had done. Mr. Wolf said that a bust of Governor O'Bannon would cost approximately \$15,000 - \$20,000 and would take three to four months to complete. Mr. Wolf also showed a clay model of a bust of Governor O'Bannon he had completed.

E. Tuck Langland

Ms. Telene, a representative of Mr. Langland, who was out of the country, distributed a resume for Mr. Langland.⁴ She discussed some of Mr. Langland's works, highlighting the seated figure of Herman B. Wells displayed at Indiana University.

Ms. Telene said that a bust of Governor O'Bannon would cost approximately \$15,000 - \$20,000. She said a full size work would obviously cost more. Ms. Telene was unable to commit Mr. Langland to a particular schedule for completion of the work.

F. David Ross Stevens

Mr. Stevens described his experience and his philosophy of creation of his works. Mr. Stevens suggested creation of a full shoulders work of Governor O'Bannon which would be about ten percent larger than life size. Mr. Stevens said a full shoulders work would cost approximately \$19,000 and require four to nine months to complete.

IV. Committee Discussion

Senator Merritt reiterated the Commission's charge to recommend a suitable memorial for the late Governor O'Bannon. He recognized individuals from the Governor's

3. Ms. Lanagan distributed a brochure titled "Lou Ann Lanagan - Bronze Portrait Sculptor" which is Exhibit 2 to these Minutes. She also distributed a letter from Anita Martin, Archivist, Eli Lilly and Company to Lou Ann Lanagan, dated October 23, 1981. A copy of this letter is Exhibit 3 to these Minutes.

4. A copy of Mr. Langland's resume is Exhibit 4 to these Minutes.

Office and the Department of Education, both of whom expressed that their respective offices were ready to cooperate with the Commission in its work.

Senator Merritt said that the State Museum Foundation could serve as the fiscal agent to handle funds and other necessary administrative duties after a decision is made to commission a memorial piece.

There was discussion among Commission members regarding funding for the work, particularly if public money should be involved. Commission members discussed an idea to establish a program for donation of pennies from Indiana grade school children as a source of funding for the project. Representative Robertson said he favored involving Indiana's young people in the project. Senator Young expressed interest in hearing artists' concepts for a memorial in White River State Park. Senator Lewis said that he thought that a bust in the State House would be appropriate.

Mr. Stevens said that a bust of the size of the work memorializing Colonel Owen would cost \$30,000 - \$40,000; a full size work might cost \$50,000; a scene piece similar to the Herman Wells work at Indiana University might cost \$80,000. Mr. Stevens suggested that the Commission consider the man and choose what is fitting for the man.

Representative Robertson cautioned that the Commission not stray from its charge.

V. Next Meeting Date

The Commission's next meeting date was not set, but Senator Merritt indicated that the Commission would probably meet at some time in mid-July.

IV. Adjournment

Senator Merritt adjourned the meeting at 12:23 p.m.