Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Richard Butler convened the meeting at 1:32 P. M.

Approval of the January 2011 meeting’s minutes

Vice-Chairman Butler asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes from the last meeting. There were none and a motion to approve the minutes was made by Julie Donnell and seconded by William Selm. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Butler requested the Division Director’s report.

I. Division Director’s Report

Preserving Historic Places Conference 2011

The Preserving Historic Places conference, held here in Indianapolis, April 6-8, was a big success. We had over 200 participants, and very good feed-back from conference participants on the plenary speakers, educational sessions, and historic venues. A couple people told me afterward that it was the best statewide conference they had attended to date.

We are beginning to plan for the 2012 conference in Whiting, Indiana, a former Standard Oil of Indiana company town with lots of ethnic heritage, a vibrant downtown, and historic community center as headquarters built for the community by Standard Oil and the Rockefeller family in the 1920s.

Statewide Cultural Resources Management Plan

This year, 2011, our division is mounting a major effort to ask for public input on what the priorities and strategies for historic preservation and archaeology efforts should be for the next 6 years, 2012-18. This input will be used to shape our new statewide cultural resources management plan, a requirement of the
National Historic Preservation Act and a guide for our division and our many partners throughout the state in focusing our activities.

You will be receiving shortly an on-line survey from us which asks for your opinions. Please respond. We are also distributing surveys at all the outreach meetings that we are holding around the state between April and September this year. The survey goes live on-line May 1, 2011.

Courthouse Preservation Advisory Commission

The Courthouse Commission and its consultant, Ratio Architects, continue to prepare the Commission’s report to the General Assembly on the value of historic courthouses, their current conditions and needs, and recommendations for the future. The report we anticipate being submitted in July.

II. National Register Applications

   Paul Diebold, DHPA, gave the staff comments. There were no additional questions or comments. A motion to approve was made by Dan Kloc and was seconded by William Selm. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Indianapolis White Castle #3, 660 Fort Wayne Avenue, Indianapolis, Marion County (2111)
   Holly Tate, DHPA, gave the staff comments.
   William Selm asked how long it has been the property of the State of Indiana.
   Raina Regan, Architectural Historian, Indiana Army National Guard, answered that it has been owned by the State less than 5 years. It was owned by Mr. Joe Hurwitz prior to State ownership.
   Selm suggests that Mr. Hurwitz, who appreciated the significance of the building and made effort to see it preserved, be noted in the nomination.
   A motion to approve was made by William Selm and was seconded by Julie Donnell. The motion passed unanimously.

3. The Gramse, 2203 Broadway Street, Indianapolis, Marion County (2156)
   Holly Tate, DHPA, gave the staff comments. There were no additional questions or comments. A motion to approve was made by Dan Kloc and was seconded by Kent Schuette. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Polk Street Concrete Cottage Historic District, 604-614 Polk Street, Gary, Lake County (2192)
   Frank Hurdis asked that this nomination be deferred until the July meeting.

5. Albert Maack House, 498 Court Street, Crown Point, Lake County (2195)
   Paul Diebold, DHPA, gave the staff comments. There were no additional questions or comments. A motion to approve was made by Julie Donnell and was seconded by Kent Schuette. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Conrad and Catherine Bloch House, 608 Academy Street, Valparaiso, Porter County (2205)
   Paul Diebold, DHPA, gave the staff comments. There were no additional questions or comments. A motion to approve was made by Dan Kloc and was seconded by Kent Schuette. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Northwood Historic District, roughly bounded by Shadowlawn Avenue to the north, North Arlington Avenue to the east, East Franklin Avenue to the south, and Hillsdale Avenue to the west, Greencastle, Putnam County (2227)
   Paul Diebold, DHPA, gave the staff comments. Paul noted that four additional letters of support were submitted. Julie Donnell questioned whether or not Landscape Architecture was specifically identified as an area of significance.
Diebold responded that the suburban development of the district included the landscape and it was listed as an area of significance.
A motion to approve was made by Julie Donnell and was seconded by Kent Schuette. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **Eastern Enlargement Historic District**, roughly bounded by East Washington Street on the north, Wood Street on the east, Anderson Street on the south, and College Street on the west, Greencastle, Putnam County (2230)
Paul Diebold, DHPA, gave the staff comments. There were no additional questions or comments. A motion to approve was made by Dan Kloc and was seconded by William Selm. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **Old Greencastle Historic District**, generally bounded by West Liberty Street on the north, Market Street on the east, West Poplar Street on the south, and the railroad right-of-way west of North Gillespie Street on the west, Greencastle, Putnam County (2239)
Paul Diebold, DHPA, gave the staff comments. There were also additional letters of support from the Mayor of Greencastle and other residents. There were no additional questions or comments. A motion to approve was made by Dan Kloc and was seconded by Julie Donnell. The motion passed unanimously.

After the motion was passed, Kent Schuette asked what had generated so much interest in getting properties in the area listed in the National Register.

Phil Gick, President of the Heritage Preservation Society of Putnam County, spoke about how recent revitalization efforts in Greencastle had encouraged residents to recognize and protect the area.

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III. **Approval of revised Minimum Architectural Documentation Standards**

Julie Donnell asked if the minimum standards addressed landscape issues as well as building issues. It was explained that typically the standards were employed when a building or structure was proposed for demolition but there is no reason why landscape elements could not be addressed in the standards.

Kent Schuette asked about using more modern photo techniques. Frank Hurdis explained that much of the reason for updating the standards was to remove outdated references to film photography and address the reality that documentation is now being done digitally.

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IV. **State Certificates of Approval**

1. **Application by the Indiana State Museum and State Historic Sites to Modify the plans to install an ADA Lift on the east side of the kitchen wing and to attach a retractable awning to the same wall at the James F. D. Lanier Mansion, Madison, Madison Township, Jefferson County.**
Frank Hurdis gave the staff comments. Link Ludington of St Museums made a Power-Point Presentation explaining the lift mechanism modification and placement and the retractable textile awning design and mounting location to protect visitors during inclement weather. Link answered questions from William Selm regarding the awning height and the wall it is attached too. Why no greenery such as a hedge being used.

Ludington replied the awning will go 11 feet above the staircase platform which is 2 feet below the cornice. Any vegetation would mean a moisture problem and it doesn’t add to the landscape context.

A motion to approve was made by William Selm and was seconded by Dan Kloc. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Application by the DNR Division of State Parks and Reservoirs to remove a CCC constructed culvert and replace with a wooden footbridge, and remove vegetation overgrowth and trees from the hillside creek on the south side of the Pioneer Village, Spring Mill State Park, Mitchell, Marion Township, Lawrence County.**
Cathy Draeger-Williams gave the staff comments.
William Selm asked if that part of the villages floods every year.
Ben Clark, DNR State Parks and Reservoirs, indicated that occurs all the time due to run-off and insufficient drainage.

A motion to approve was made by Kent Schuette and was seconded by William Selm. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Application by the DNR Division of State Parks and Reservoirs to dismantle and relocate logs used in the current restroom to construct a new restroom and construction of an ADA accessible sidewalk in the Pioneer Village, Spring Mill State Park, Mitchell, Marion Township, Lawrence County.

Frank Hurdis asked that this application be postponed and it was deferred until the July meeting.

4. Application by the Indiana Department of Administration, Division of Public Works, to remove the sculpture known as “Victory”, repair it, repair the structural system that supports the sculpture, and reinstall “Victory as well as repair cracks and point joints in the carved limestone, and repair the “date astragal” on the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Monument Circle, Indianapolis, Center Township, Marion County.

Frank Hurdis gave staff comments then deferred to Jason Larrison, IDOA, Public Works Division. Jason displayed recently taken pictures of the monument and reported that the Victory Statue had been taken down on April 23rd and had been taken to Stout Field for the restoration. Water had gotten into the sword, causing deterioration. Part of the sword fell off as it was being taken down for restoration. A recasting of the sword will be done. The statue itself weighed more than originally thought, 11 tons just 3000 pounds less than the capacity of the crane, and will be disassembled into 4-5 pieces at the original joints, to facilitate repairs. Victory will have a new support installed. The steel mast inside will need repairing where there was a structural break. Bronze repairs and new steel support where the statue connects with the base, will be made. Work will be beginning on the limestone eagles soon, using a swing stage. Repairs to the eagles will take about 1 week.

Kent Schuette asked if steel and bronze are compatible. Larrison answered that they have to be bracketed away. (Gaskets to be used for separation.)

William Selm asked if the statue had been structurally unsound in the 1980s when the monument was restored and was told that the statue did “check out” in the 1980’s restoration. The crack in the cast iron may have occurred in the 2006 windstorm. Selm asked why there might be greater stress on the statue now and was told it is possible that the construction of new buildings around the circle could have changed the wind patterns.

A motion to approve was made by Kent Schuette and was seconded by Julie Donnell. The motion passed unanimously.

V. State Historic Site Master Plans

Request by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Museum & Historic Sites for review of their proposed Master Plan for the Lanier Mansion State Historic Site, Madison, Jefferson County

Frank Hurdis gave brief staff comments and introduced Link Ludington, Architectural Historian with the State Museum and Historic Sites. Ludington gave a power-point presentation.

Kent Schuette asked about the future bell tower and Ludington explained that it was a conceptual idea to recognize the historic usage of that part of the property but might not come to fruition.

Julie Donnell asked what the difference between accepting and approving is. She is concerned the wording would affect future boards.

Julie Donnell expressed her concern that accepting the plan as a conceptual framework might hinder the Board's ability to review specific projects in the future.

Richard Butler also wondered about the impact on future C of A requests by accepting the conceptual framework Frank Hurdis pointed out that the Board’s review of State Historic Property master plans is an evolving process and that the Lanier plan is the third master plan the Board has had an opportunity to comment on. He restated that concurrence with the concept does not tie the hands of the Board in future C's of A applications.

A motion to accept the plan was made by Kent Schuette and was seconded by William Selm. The motion passed unanimously with the caveat that caution be used with all concepts by the Board, Historic preservation and Historic Sites.

VI. Grant Evaluation Criteria and Priorities for FY 2012 Historic Preservation Fund Grants

Refer to the enclosed memo from Jim Glass.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board

FROM: Jim Glass, Director, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology

DATE: April 12, 2011

RE: Revised Ranking of Acquisition and Development Sub-Grant Applications for Federal Fiscal Year 2011

Since the Board approved in January the ranking of applications submitted for Acquisition and Development sub-grants from our FY 2011 Historic Preservation Grant, an ethics complaint has been filed with the State Ethics Commission. The complaint suggests that a conflict of interest had arisen in my participation in the staff committee that scored applications for Acquisition and Development sub-grants. As you may recall, five or six professional staff members review the applications and independently score each application, following criteria approved by the Review Board. The complaint suggested that because I was a member of the Columbia Club, Inc., I had a conflict of interest and could not be impartial in scoring the application submitted by the Columbia Club Foundation, Inc. for funds to assist in restoring the facade.

Upon a review of the matter, it seems to me that the appearance of a conflict of interest might reasonably be seen in my participation in the committee. Therefore, we have removed my scores from all of the scoring sheets used by the committee, and our Grants staff has compiled new average scores for all the Acquisition and Development applications. The revised scores have changed the ranking, and under the National Park Service sub-grant manual, the revised ranking needs to be reviewed and approved by the Historic Preservation Review Board.

If you could review the attached, discussion and approval of the new ranking will be on the agenda for the April 27 meeting of the Board.

Thanks very much.
Background
Per the explanatory memo from Dr. James Glass, the DHPA Grants Staff has revised the ranking of projects in the Acquisition and Development Category. The proposals were NOT rescored; they were simply retallied. This category originally had been scored by a six-member committee. For each criterion, all six members’ scores were recorded on a tally sheet and the highest and lowest scores were dropped. The remaining four scores were averaged to one decimal place. The resulting scores for all criteria were added together to produce the total project score for each proposal.

In this revision, Dr. Glass’s scores were eliminated from consideration, effectively changing the scoring model from a six-member to a five-member committee. The same procedures were followed as described above: five scores for each criterion were recorded, highest and lowest scores were dropped, and the remaining three scores were averaged to one decimal place. The resulting scores were added to produce the total project score for each proposal.

Performing this exercise caused a change in the ranking of projects. Therefore, the new ranked list is being provided for the Board’s review, consideration, and approval.

A motion to approve was made by Kent Schuette and was seconded by Dan Kloc. The motion passed unanimously.

Indiana’s Federal HPF Grant Appropriation
As passed, the spending bill contains nearly level funding for the HPF program from the 2010 level. Therefore, it is anticipated that the DHPA will receive approximately the same allocation as last year, or about $905,000 – which is about $2,000 less than last year.

The DHPA Grants Staff cannot say at this time precisely how much HPF money will be available for FY2011 subgrants. Therefore, the Review Board is asked once again to approve the ranked list of projects and the DHPA will fund as many projects as possible in ranked order when our HPF budget picture is clearer.
Kent Schuette asked about changing organizations to groups.
Julie Donnell wishes to add more inclusive term for landscape-remove the term designed.
A motion was made by Kent Schuette, seconded by Julie Donnell. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Properties Listed in, Rejected by, or Removed from the National Register since the last Notification

Listed
INDIANA, ALLEN COUNTY,
Brookview–Irvington Park Historic District, Roughly bounded by Norfolk Ave to the N; Lima Rd, Spy Run Ave Extended, and N Clinton St to the E; Jacobs St to the S, Fort Wayne, 11000121, LISTED, 3/21/11 (Park and Boulevard System of Fort Wayne, Indiana MPS)

INDIANA, ELKHART COUNTY,
Dierdorff Farmstead,
2055 Dierdorff Rd,
Goshen, 11000122, LISTED, 3/21/11

INDIANA, JOHNSON COUNTY,
South Walnut Street Historic District,
Roughly both sides of S Walnut St from Thompson St S to 507 and 514 S Walnut. Also including the 100 block of W Campbell, Edinburgh, 11000126, LISTED, 3/21/11

INDIANA, JOHNSON COUNTY,
Toner Historic District,
E Main Cross from the CSX tracks to White Oak Ln,
Edinburgh, 11000127, LISTED, 3/21/11

INDIANA, LAKE COUNTY,
Brannon, James, House,
260 Burnham St,
Lowell, 11000120,,LISTED, 3/21/11

INDIANA, LAKE COUNTY,
Hohman Avenue Commercial Historic District, Approx. 3 blocks lining Hohman between Clinton and Rimbach Sts,
Hammond, 11000118, LISTED, 3/21/11

INDIANA, PORTER COUNTY,
Sigler, Eli, House,
104 W Church St,
Hebron, 11000124, LISTED, 3/21/11

INDIANA, RANDOLPH COUNTY,
Winchester Residential Historic District, Roughly, both sides of Washington and Franklin Sts from Main St to Greenville Ave and both sides of Meridian and Main St,
Winchester, 11000123, LISTED, 3/21/11

Additional Documentation Received / Approved

INDIANA, POSEY COUNTY,
Thomas, Amon Clarence, House,
503 West St.,
New Harmony, 95001111, ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION APPROVED, 3/21/11

Rejected
None.

Removed

INDIANA, MARION COUNTY,
Chadwick,
1005 N. Pennsylvania St.,
Indianapolis, 83000061, REMOVED, 3/21/11 (arson damage)
(Apartments and Flats of Downtown Indianapolis TR)

VII. Set date for the next meeting

Proposed date: July 27, 2011, IGCS, Conference Room A, 1:30 p.m. (EDT)

Deadline for receipt of Certificate of Approval applications: June 17, 2011, 4:45 p.m. (EDT)

Dr Glass polled the board members on availability for the next meeting.
Julie Donnell-No
Richard Butler-Yes
William Selm-Checking
Kent Schuette-Yes
Dan Kloc- ?

VIII. Vice Chairman Butler asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Kent Schuette and seconded by William Selm. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m. (EDT)