

NOTICE OF MEETING & AGENDA
Indiana State Historic Records Advisory Board
September 9, 2016 – 10:00 p.m. at the Indiana State Archives

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:10 a.m. by State Coordinator Jim Corridan.

Roll Call

Present: Jim Corridan, John Newman, Tom Krasean, Wes Wilson
Guests Present: Claire Horton, Connor McBride

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approved Agenda. Newman – Krasean. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting has not been determined.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from May 13, 2016. Motion to approve Minutes. Newman – Wilson. Motion carried.

State Coordinator's Report

1. Introduction of 2016-17 SHRAB Intern

Corridan introduced the 2016-17 SHRAB Intern, Connor McBride. McBride shared that he is in his first year of the master's program in public history at IUPUI. The SHRAB members welcomed McBride.

2. Bicentennial Events

Corridan reported that a three-part exhibit opened in May in Vincennes. It was open for three weeks, and approximately 1,000 people came through. Next, it moved to Corydon from June 8th to June 29th, to coincide with the actual meeting of the delegation 200 years ago. Corridan brought the constitutions back to Corydon on a horse-drawn carriage through town. The third and final stage of the exhibit will be in Indianapolis in November. It will be displayed at the capital until Statehood Day. The exhibit consists of the two constitutions, the journals of the constitutions, a piece of the constitutional elm, paintings from the State Museum of William Henry Harrison and Jonathon Jennings, a painting of the battlefield of Tippecanoe, an early French document from Vincennes, and the original state flag.

Corridan also shared that around 1,000 people attended the 38 delegate ceremonies during the month of June. Newman was able to attend four ceremonies and said that they were very well come. Corridan shared highlights from the events, including visiting new places and unexpectedly high turnouts at some of the most secluded ceremonies. IARA wrote to county historians and county bicentennial coordinators, as well as media, to plan and publicize the events. IARA kept the research on the delegates as well as the press coverage for the archives.

The Archive's online catalog will be the last bicentennial event of 2016.

Corridan stated that IARA was also instrumental in planning the torch relay. Corridan helped develop the content for the mobile visitor's center, and helped plan the torch relay route. Wilson attended Statehood Day events in Corydon and reported that they were a success.

2. NHPRC State Grant Program

Corridan said that the federal government is revising the grant program. SHRAB will no longer need to review all grants from Indiana. NHPRC will contact a few SHRAB members from across the country to review sets of grants. Newman expressed concern that Indiana may be less successful in getting grants this way, because members of the state's SHRAB group know more about Indiana history and issues than SHRAB members from other states. NHPRC is also rearranging some of the grant categories, so that electronic records grants will be part of archives processing. Corridan shared that there will still be funding for state SHRAB programs. Corridan said that as chair of the advocacy committee for CoSA, he would like to see more support for open source tools, like online indexing tools.

Corridan also said that the School of Infomatics at IU – Bloomington, in conjunction with IARA, applied for an NEH grant related to electronic records.

3. Agency Software

AXAEM is running, and archives staff are beginning the processing of barcoding the collection and cleaning up the description of items. Corridan estimates that it will take a year or a year and a half to fully barcode. He said that it is important to finish before the move to the new building, which will be in August 2018. IARA is hoping to roll out some of the public access components of AXAEM this month, including the ability for people to search the catalog from home. Corridan also said that he learned that it will take sixty days to move if people are working ten hours a day seven days a week. He estimates that it will take fifty semis of records and fifty semis of shelving to move everything.

Corridan said that the building is approximately 60,000 square feet, but because of the four-story shelving it is closer to 100,000 square feet of space. There have been some challenges with the building. There is no freight elevator, so all shelving and heavy equipment will have to be moved in by crane before the building is complete. Krasean, Newman and Wilson all expressed concern that there will be no freight elevator.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 by State Coordinator Jim Corridan.