

**Indiana State Historic Records Advisory Board
Minutes – October 22, 2018
Indiana State Archives**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 11:10 p.m. by State Coordinator Chandler Lighty.

Roll Call

Present: Chandler Lighty, John Newman, Curt Witcher

Guests: Claire Horton, Marilyn Fernandez

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from December 12, 2017. Motion to approve minutes. Witcher – Newman. Motion carried.

State Coordinator's Report

State Coordinator Chandler Lighty has replaced the former IARA Director Jim Corridan. Lighty shared his interest in filling the two vacancies currently on the SHRAB board. He would like to appoint members who have expertise in electronic records and digital preservation.

Lighty began as executive director of IARA on August 27th following the June retirement of Jim Corridan. Lighty shared some additional staffing changes: Jessica Adair left the micrographics lab to work at Newfields in August, Justin Clark joined IARA in September as the Director of Communications/Archives and History Advocate, and Jennifer Hodge retired as the Director of Outreach and Education in October. Lighty hopes to replace her position with an additional electronic records archivist. Lighty is working to reclassify the micrographics staff to address the low salaries in the department.

Lighty shared that there is nothing set aside for a new building in the next biennium request. He is working with the director of IDOA, who has visited twice and recognizes the needs. Lighty has also met with the State Budget Director to discuss IARA's needs.

IARA staff will be meeting with the staff from the State Fair and the IUPUI University Libraries to discuss a project to digitize IARA's State Fair Collections.

The Indiana Archives' crowd-sourcing project with FromThePage won a Best of Indiana Award from the Indiana Digital Government Summit. Horton accepted the award on behalf of IARA. The project is to index World War I Service Record Cards.

Lighty is investigating the creation of an APRA portal to be used for public information requests, and also shared that a previously planned project with Archives Social will not be moving forward.

Archivist Vicki Casteel is working on getting all of the name indexes from the Indiana Digital Archives updated and uploaded into AXAEM.

FamilySearch is interested in returning to Indiana to scan marriage records that were missed last time. These are mostly records from 1958 to 1963, as well as some records that pre-date 1958. The members discussed county records and the cost to digitize and house them. Newman asked whether Ancestry will continue to update the records available online each year, so that all records from the last 75 years are public.

The members discussed relationships with county records officers and how they could be improved. Witcher suggested that some counties did not receive a copy of their naturalization records on microfilm; providing this may improve relationships and encourage other counties to transfer their original naturalization records to the Archives.

The SHRAB members discussed the past attempts to secure a new building, as well as efforts by the Friends of the State Archives to expand their membership.

Lighty shared the most recent Archives report with the SHRAB members. Horton expanded on some of the recent accessions, including the D.C. Stephenson attorney files recently acquired.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.