

Chair Whiteman then discussed the financial funding that will be available from the National Commission and then from the State of Indiana for our work. He also shared about discussions that need to be held for establishing checking and non-profit accounts and how donations can be handled.

Chair Blair pointed out the one activity that is stated in the bill regarding holding a major event at the Indiana War Memorial on July 4, 2026. She also shared some additional ideas for that final year including a Torch Relay through all ninety-two counties ending in Indianapolis on the July 4, 2026. Torch relay would begin about six weeks before July 4, 2026. Chair Blair also spoke of some possible committees that could be formed with Commission members that will plan and promote awareness of the America250IN to all Indiana residents.

Commission members were also made aware of meeting dates through 2026, and Patriotic holidays that we can promote.

Commission members then broke into small groups. They shared information about the organization they represented and what they could bring to the Commission and our commemoration. They also shared any ideas of other resources that we could connect with that would support our America250 commemoration.

The Commission elected a Secretary and a Treasurer. Sen. Michael Griffin was elected Treasurer and Bruce Kolb was elected Secretary, both by unanimous votes.

Brig. Gen. Goodwin offered to provide a two hour tour of the Indiana War Memorial prior to the start of the next ISC meeting. More information will follow for those interested in taking this tour

Next Commission meeting will be on Monday February 27, 2023. Meeting will be held at the Indiana War Memorial in Indianapolis at 1:00 pm.

Closing thoughts were shared by the Chairs. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

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