

INDIANA SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Commission Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2023

Commission Members Present: Tom Whiteman, Charlotte Blair, Bruce Kolb, Robert Sloman, Jody Blankenship, Joseph Wiltrout, Ted Frantz, Sheila Corcoran, Ben Olsen, Dustin Warren, Brig. Gen. J. Stewart Goodwin.

Veterans Administration Staff present: SFC Ashley Lovett NG

Guests: N/A

The meeting of the Indiana Semiquincentennial Commission (ISC) was called to order at 1:10pm by Co-Chairs Charlotte Blair and Thomas Whiteman. The meeting was held at the Indiana War Memorial in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The meeting was opened with an invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance, and The American's Creed.

The meeting was started by the Co-Chairs and a brief review of our Commission members.

Charlotte Blair gave a brief recitation on historical thoughts.

A message from the National Semiquincentennial Commission was shared with all the members.

The Secretary gave a brief report, minutes were read, and accepted.

No Treasurer's report was given.

Co-Chair Tom Whiteman shared our Commission Mission and Objectives which were adopted by a vote of the members in attendance.

Co-Chair Tom Whiteman discussed the ISC Leadership Team and its composition (Co-chairs, Secretary, Treasurer, IDVA and IWA).

Co-Chairs presented the ISC Committee Structures consisting of the following:

Organizational Chart

Responsibilities- Identify goals, activities, projects, and programs, determine financial and other needs, identify needed resources, and maintain records.

Time lines for 2023 and 2024 for planning and establishing goals

Guidelines

Identifying committee members- each ISC member will submit two or three committee preferences.

Committees will select a chair and recorder.

A brief discussion commenced discussing the ISC Committees. The Committees consisted of Financial, Fundraising, Education/History, Local Outreach to Counties and Towns, Communications/ISC website/Marketing, and State Events.

Brig. Gen. J. Stewart Goodwin spoke regarding a tour of the IWM for all ISC members. He also talked about a Liberty Tree and the IWM and the possibility of including all 92 counties and a possible Historical Marker.

A brief break was given to the members.

The Committees were all given time to gather and discuss their respective duties.

Co-Chair Charlotte Blair was tasked with a two week outreach program to contact all the ISC members that did not attend today's meeting and what committees they would like to participate in. In addition, members were to be asked about serving as the ISC Treasurer.

A discussion was held regarding an employee of the ISC (IDVA contract employee) their tenure and funding.

It was agreed that the ISC needs to develop a statement for support, and the need to develop a budget for events.

Closing thoughts were shared by the Chairs. The next meeting is on May 22, 2023 at 1:00pm at the Indianan War Memorial.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

Thomas Whiteman, ISC Co-Chair

Charlotte Blair, ISC Co-Chair