## INDIANA SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMISSION

## Commission Meeting Minutes November 27, 2023

Commission Members and/or their Representatives Present: Tom Whiteman, Charlotte Blair, Bruce Kolb, Sheila Corcoran, Robert Sloman, Beth Brandon, Joanna Hahn, Dustin Warren, Ted Frantz, Jeanette Roonon, Bethany Hrachovec, Brig. Gen. J. Stewart Goodwin, IDVA Director Dennis Wimer, and Sen. Fady Qaddoura.

A quorum of 10 ISC members were present (ISC By Laws Section X).

Guests: Clarissa Rodda and Kevin O'Keefe of Tyler Technologies and Dr. Dan Miller of Historical Solutions.com.

The meeting of the Indiana Semiquincentennial Commission (ISC) was called to order at 1:08pm 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 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 and a welcome and introductions from our members.

Co-Chair Tom Whiteman discussed the history of Thanksgiving and its origins.

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

A presentation was given by representatives of Tyler Technologies on the ISC website and the current monthly review and update of its contents.

Sen. Qaddoura spoke on the financial status of the ISC as the Treasurer. A motion was entertained to reimburse the ISC's Secretary in the amount of \$312.50 for CPA fees regarding the filing of the ISC's Federal Form 1023. The motion was passed.

IDVA Director Dennis Wimer of the Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs gave an update on the ISC's appropriated funds that are currently held by the IDVA. A Grant is being drafted whereby the money for 2024/2025 calendar year could be transferred to the ISC in order to pay for the services of an administrative assistant. A motion was made to that effect and seconded. The motion was passed.

Co-Chair Tom Whiteman led a discussion of the proposed website to go live on December 16, 2023. The date was chosen in honor of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boston Tea Party.

The Secretary gave a summary of the granting of 501(c)(3) status to the ISC and the need to register with the Indiana Department of Revenue. A motion was entertained to engage CG CPAs as our accountants and to sign the formal engagement letter. The motion was passed.

Co-Chair Tom Whiteman spoke on the Cincinnati Insurance Agency's ISC Insurance Policy. This policy was obtained through the efforts coordinated between Indiana Representative Matt Lehman (a certified Insurance Counselor) and Stacy Torres, Insurance Broker affiliated with Assured partners. The policy was signed, and we are awaiting the bill for the first year which started on October 23, 2023.

Co-Chair Tom Whiteman had made changes to the ISC's Annual Report that is due to the Indiana Legislature by December 31, 2023. Several corrections and suggestions were made to the draft document. A motion was made to accept the changes and was seconded. The motion was passed.

Dr. Dan Miller of HistoricalSolutions.com spoke on the IN250 kick-off taking place on December 12, 2023, in the Indiana Statehouse. The event is sponsored by the Sagamore Institute and Remnant Trust and is slated to begin at 9:00am.

Date

Break		
Individual Committee Meetings were	e held and followed their re	espective agendas.
The Meeting was adjourned at 3:00p	m.	
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Tom Whiteman, Co-Chair	Date	
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Charlotte Blair, Co-Chair