

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
Cultural Heritage Center
Pierre, South Dakota
April 25, 2019

Call to Order

The meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees was called to order by President Brad Tennant on April 25, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Education Room of the Cultural Heritage Center, Pierre, South Dakota. A quorum was present.

Board Members Present

John D. Fowler, Richard D. Harnois, Robert E. Kolbe, Laurie Langland, Peggy Sanders, Rolene R. Schliesman, Brad Tennant, Francis Whitebird and David A. Wolff.

Board Members Not Present

Jon Lauck, Jeffery A. Hazard, and Tom D. Tobin.

State Historical Society Staff Present

Jay D. Vogt, Chelle Somsen, Ted Spencer, Nancy T. Koupal, Jay Smith, Renee Boen, Liz Almlie, Kate Nelson, Sofia Mattesini, Jenna Carlson Dietmeier, Catherine Forsch and Caroline C. Uecker.

Others Present

Benjamin F. Jones, Pierre; Bob Mercer, Pierre; LaWayne Bellender, Ken Phillips, and Ralph Bush of Pierre.

Welcome and Announcements

President Brad Tennant welcomed the members of the board, staff of the South Dakota State Historical Society, and guests. Tennant introduced Dr. Benjamin F. Jones, Interim Secretary for the South Dakota Department of Education. Jones gave a history of his background and expressed his appreciation to be serving in his position for the Department of Education.

Board Minutes

Minutes of the Board of Trustees' meeting of December 7, 2018 were mailed to the members of the Board of Trustees after the meeting. A MOTION TO APPROVE the minutes of December 7, 2018 was made by David Wolff and seconded by John Fowler. The motion was approved.

Public Comment

Tennant asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

State Review Board

The State Review Board convened at 1:10 p.m.

National Register Nominations

State Historic Preservation Office staff presented five nominations for review.

Presented by Sofia Mattesini:

1) Shady Lawn School No. 8, DeSmet, Kingsbury County.

The Shady Lawn School No. 8 meets the Criterion A registration requirements for listing under the multiple property submission, Schools in South Dakota (NRIS #64500587) for historic significance in the context of education. It also meets Criterion C in the area of design and construction as an excellent local example of an early rural school house constructed at the end of the nineteenth century. Additionally, Shady Lawn School No. 8 also meets Criteria Consideration A as it is currently owned by the Spirit Lake Presbyterian Church, who purchased it in 1968, when the school closed. Religious properties and properties owned by religious institutions are usually not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places; however, the school is significant under the historic theme of education and for its architecture. A MOTION WAS MADE by Richard Harnois and seconded by Rolene Schliesman to recommend the approval of the nomination of the Shady Lawn School No. 8 to the National Register of Historic Places. The motion was approved.

Presented by Kate Nelson:

2) Pierre American Legion Cabin, Pierre, Hughes County.

The Pierre American Legion Cabin (1942) is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places locally under Criteria A and C in the areas of Social History and Architecture. A MOTION WAS MADE by Robert Kolbe and seconded by Francis Whitebird to recommend the approval of the nomination of the Pierre American Legion Cabin to the National Register of Historic Places. The motion was approved. LaWayne Bellender, Ken Phillips, and Ralph Bush of Pierre, associated with the American Legion Cabin, answered questions and spoke in favor of the nomination.

Presented by Liz Almlie:

3) East Side Fire Station and Branch Library, Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County.

The East Side Fire Station and Branch Library is locally significant and eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A under the areas of Politics/Government and Education. A MOTION WAS MADE by David Wolff and seconded by Robert Kolbe to recommend the approval of the nomination of the East Side Fire Station and Branch Library to the National Register of Historic Places. The motion was approved.

4) Gale Buildings, Canton, Lincoln County.

The Gale Buildings are significant to the history of the city of Canton under Criterion A in the area of Community Planning/Development as being two of the first commercial buildings erected to solidify the location of the city of Canton at its present site, and in the area of Commerce for their long role in the city's commercial history. They are significant under Criterion B for their association with Frank A. Gale, an active early resident of Canton. They are also important under Criterion C in the area of Architecture for their representation of Italianate commercial construction early in Canton. A MOTION WAS MADE by Rolene Schliesman and seconded by John Fowler to recommend the approval of the nomination of the Gale Buildings to the National Register of Historic Places. The motion was approved.

Presented by Jenna Carlson Dietmeier:

5) Bison Kill Sites in South Dakota: Multiple Property Documentation Form, Statewide.

Depending on the individual site and property type, a bison kill site may be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, Criterion C, or Criterion D. It is unlikely that a bison kill site will be eligible under Criterion B. However, if historic, oral historic, or ethnographic evidence indicates that a bison kill site was associated with an important, named

individual in the past, the site may be eligible under Criterion B. Evaluating a bison kill site under Criterion B is likely to be such an occurrence that it will be done so on an as-needed basis. Each Bison Kill Site would be nominated individually and would include the National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form. A MOTION WAS MADE by David Wolff and seconded by Peggy Sanders to recommend the approval of the Bison Kill Sites in South Dakota to the National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form. The motion was approved.

Historic Preservation Director Ted Spencer provided an informational update on the Fort Sisseton National Historic Landmark nomination. He reported that the final draft is almost complete.

The state review board adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Reports

Director Jay D. Vogt submitted his report. (Attachment #1). Vogt had no additions to his report.

Renee Boen, State Archaeologist, submitted her report. (Attachment #2). Boen reported that she has filled three senior archaeologist positions. She mentioned that she will be meeting with the building owner regarding other properties to look at for the future site of the Archaeological Research Center.

Chelle Somsen, State Archivist, submitted the Archives report. (Attachment #3). Somsen reported that a couple scanners are not working as they are not compatible with Windows 10. Her office is working on a solution, or they will need to purchase two new scanners. She answered questions regarding the 2019 History Conference, "New Insights into Old Stories" that her office is hosting April 26-27, 2019 at the Ramkota Hotel in Pierre. There are 112 attendees registered.

Ted Spencer, Director of the Historic Preservation Office, submitted his report. (Attachment #4). Spencer provided an update and answered questions on the Tin Lizzies and First Gold properties in Deadwood.

Jay Smith, Museum Director, submitted his report. (Attachment #5). Smith reported that the winter weather has impacted museum attendance the last few months. Attendance is down about 300 students from student tour groups and one Fun Activity museum weekend had to be cancelled. He mentioned that one Distance Learning Program took place with a school group and the new AV system was used. It was a success.

Nancy T. Koupal, Director of Research and Publishing, submitted her report. (Attachment #6). Koupal had no additions to her report.

Catherine Forsch, President of the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, submitted her report. (Attachment #7). Forsch recommended to the trustees to take a look at the video "Building a Culture of Philanthropy." She also mentioned that there are 39 gun raffle tickets remaining to be purchased.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

State Archivist Chelle Somsen presented a Record of Deaccessions request (Attachment #8). A MOTION WAS MADE by Laurie Langland and seconded by Richard Harnois, to approve the deaccession numbers as presented. They include: 88-030, 89-003, 89-062, 90-045, and 90-099. The motion was approved. These deaccessions pertain to semi-annual records center appraisal files, 1986-1990, that have no historical value.

State Archaeologist Renee Boen presented a Record of Deaccessions request. (Attachment #9). A MOTION WAS MADE by Richard Harnois and seconded by David Wolff, to approve the deaccession numbers as presented. They include: 157, 158, 159, and 160. The motion was approved. Deaccession 157 remains the property of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District and Deaccessions 158, 159, and 160 pertain to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

Four projects were recommended to the board for approval for Deadwood Fund grants. (Attachment #10). A MOTION WAS MADE by Robert Kolbe and seconded by Richard Harnois to approve the recommended grants to the First Congregational Church, Huron (\$15,000); Hand County Courthouse, Miller (\$14,476); Harlou Building, Hot Springs (\$13,000); and the First Presbyterian Church, Huron (\$12,000). The motion was approved.

Historic Preservation Director Ted Spencer recommended to the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees to consider an annual Deadwood Fund Grant disbursement to address the chronic funding shortfalls in preserving the Verendrye Monument, Fort Pierre Chouteau, and the Oahe Chapel. All are owned by the State of South Dakota and managed by the South Dakota State Historical Society. A MOTION WAS MADE by David Wolff and seconded by Robert Kolbe to approve a \$5,000 annual disbursement from the Deadwood Grant Fund for site maintenance and repairs to all three historic sites which include the Verendrye Monument, Fort Pierre Chouteau, and the Oahe Chapel. The motion was approved.

Other Business

Director Vogt reported that Governor Kristi Noem reappointed John D. Fowler of Elk Point as a member-at-large and appointed Tom Hurlbert of Sioux Falls to the architect position. They will serve three-year terms on the Board of Trustees. Historical Society members re-elected Laurie Langland of Fulton to the professional archivist position and elected Sean J. Flynn of Mitchell as a member-at-large to serve on the Board of Trustees for three-year terms. Vogt mentioned that the South Dakota State Historical Society will recognize three individuals and two organizations with Governor's Awards for History for their efforts in preserving state history at the history conference Friday, April 26. The award winners include Gary Conradi of Sioux Falls, Scott Beehler of Iroquois, Lisa R. Lindell of Brookings, the Brookings County Historical Society and Museum in Volga and the Elkhorn Ridge Development Company of Lakewood, Colorado.

Recommendations for Certificates of Recognition were presented. (Attachment #11). A MOTION WAS MADE by Laurie Langland and seconded by Richard Harnois, to award certificates of recognition to the individuals and organizations presented. The motion was approved.

The South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees honored Robert Kolbe with a letter and certificate in recognition of 15 years of service to the board in promoting, nurturing and sustaining the

historical and cultural heritage of South Dakota for the life-long education and enrichment of present and future generations.

Jeffery A. Hazard was unable to attend the meeting, but was also honored for his nine years of service to the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees. A letter and certificate of recognition were sent to him.

There was no executive session.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 4:30 p.m.

I, Jay D. Vogt, Director of the South Dakota State Historical Society, declare that these minutes are a true and accurate reflection of the business conducted at the April 25, 2019 meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees.

Jay D. Vogt, Director
South Dakota State Historical Society

Caroline C. Uecker
Recording Secretary