

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES  
Cultural Heritage Center  
Pierre, South Dakota  
June 19, 2020

Call to Order

The meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees was called to order by President Brad Tennant on June 19, 2020 at 9:45 a.m., in the Education Room of the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre, South Dakota; which included board member, staff, and public participation virtually by Zoom and teleconference. A quorum was present.

Board Members Present

Sean J. Flynn, John D. Fowler, Tom Hurlbert, Laurie Langland, Jon Lauck, Peggy Sanders, Brian Sandvig, Rolene R. Schliesman, Brad Tennant, Francis Whitebird, Jennifer R. Winter, and David A. Wolff.

State Historical Society Staff Present

Jay D. Vogt, Chelle Somsen, Ted Spencer, Jay Smith, Renee Boen, Jeanne Ode, Catherine Forsch, Holly Crosby, Heather Venner, Heather Mulliner, Kate Nelson, Anna Haberman and Caroline C. Uecker.

Others Present

Benjamin F. Jones, Nancy T. Koupal, and Bob Mercer of Pierre. Robert Kolbe, Sioux Falls.

Welcome and Announcements

President Brad Tennant welcomed the members of the board, staff of the South Dakota State Historical Society, and guests.

Board Minutes

Minutes of the Board of Trustees' meeting of April 23, 2020 were mailed to the members of the Board of Trustees after the meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE by Jon Lauck and seconded by Sean Flynn to approve the minutes of April 23, 2020. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 11 ayes. Members voting aye: Flynn, Fowler, Hurlbert, Langland, Lauck, Sanders, Sandvig, Schliesman, Tennant, Whitebird, and Winter. Wolff unavailable during roll call vote. Wolff joined at 9:52 a.m.

Public Comment

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

Administrative Rules Hearing

At 10:00 a.m. a public hearing was held to amend Administrative Rules 24:52:05:01, 24:52:05:02, 24:52:05:03 and 24:52:05:06. South Dakota State Historical Society Director Jay D. Vogt reported that the date and purpose of the hearing was published in three South Dakota newspapers requesting public comment, oral or written. The Public Hearing Notice was electronically sent to approximately 2,485 individuals to include South Dakota Historical Society members, individual requests, Archaeology and Archive contacts/providers. The Public Hearing Notice and proposed rule changes were posted on the South Dakota State Historical Society and Governor's websites. There was no public comment. A MOTION WAS MADE by Jennifer R. Winter and seconded by Sean J. Flynn, to approve the changes to amend Rules 24:52:05:01, 24:52:05:02, 24:52:05:03 and 24:52:05:06. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 12 ayes. Members voting aye: Tennant, Wolff, Flynn, Fowler, Hurlbert, Langland, Lauck, Sanders, Sandvig, Schliesman, Whitebird and Winter.

The public hearing was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. (Attachment #1)

State Review Board: There was no new business.

### Reports

Director Jay D. Vogt submitted his report. (Attachment #2). Vogt reported that the Cultural Heritage Center opened to the public June 15, five weeks earlier than anticipated. He stated that the department had some year-end money and the Society will be getting 9 new computers, 3 new laptops, and 3 widescreen monitors to replace some older ones.

Renee Boen, State Archaeologist, submitted her report. (Attachment #3). Boen reported that the Stones Circle project has been completed. She stated that the Archaeology Office move to their new location will be completed July 1, old Kmart building at 937 E. North Street in Rapid City.

Chelle Somsen, State Archivist, submitted the Archives report. (Attachment #4). Somsen reported that the outreach numbers for Archives during the reporting period of April-June were incredible. The online office hours, jigsaw puzzles, scavenger hunts and virtual tour engaged their audience and brought in new followers.

Ted Spencer, Director of the Historic Preservation Office, submitted his report. (Attachment #5). Spencer reported staff changes in his office and introduced Heather Venner as Cindy Snow's replacement, Heather Mulliner as Kate Nelson's replacement and summer intern Anna Haberman. Spencer addressed Rolene Schliesman's comments regarding the He Dog School nomination. After much discussion, Spencer said his office is going to work on developing an American Indian Education context to incorporate into subsequent nominations for tribal schools.

Jay Smith, Museum Director, submitted his report. (Attachment #6). Smith reported that the Museum received the 2020 Award for Excellence from the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) for the exhibit, "Silent Silos: South Dakota's Missile Range." AASLH is one of two national museum organizations that provide guidance to the field.

Nancy T. Koupal, Director of Research and Publishing, submitted her report. (Attachment #7). Koupal retired from employment with state government June 8 and will work as a consultant regarding the Pioneer Girl Project. Jeanne Ode, Acting Director of the Office of Research and Publishing and the South Dakota Historical Society Press, reported that the summer issue of *South Dakota History* remains in design. Due to the pandemic and the closure of many institutions, there were delays in getting the illustrations needed for the issue, setting publication behind schedule by approximately one month. She reported that the summer issue of the *History Notes* newsletter will be mailed in July.

Koupal and Ode presented an overview of South Dakota Historical Society Press operations and procedures, especially as related to the Pioneer Girl Project and Jon Lauck's proposed multi-author history of South Dakota. Documents presented included: quantities and dollar totals for every book sold since the Press's inception; a list of awards the Press and its books have received; a report on the status of restricted and designated funds for the first quarter of 2020; the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation investment summary for the first quarter of 2020; titles scheduled for publication in 2020-2023; the Press's application for membership in the Association of University Presses (AUP) along with a summary of best practices for peer review from the AUP handbook; names and brief bios of the Press's advisory board of editors and additional expert readers; Lauck's proposal for a multi-author history of South Dakota; a synthesis of the expert readers' reports on Lauck's proposal; a letter of interest and curriculum vita from Elaine Marie Nelson regarding a single-author narrative history of

South Dakota; and a summary of cost projections for the single-author volume along with a schedule of the past fees paid to the authors of commissioned works.

Catherine Forsch, President of the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, submitted her report. (Attachment #8). Forsch had no additions to her report.

#### Old Business

The trustees recommended that at next summer's board meeting discussion take place regarding the trustees' roles and responsibilities and to include strategic planning to set goals.

#### New Business

Museum Director Jay Smith presented a Record of Deaccession request. (Attachment #9). A MOTION WAS MADE by Laurie Langland and seconded by Sean Flynn, to approve Accession Number 1982.084 as presented. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 12 ayes. Members voting aye: Flynn, Fowler, Hurlbert, Langland, Lauck, Sanders, Sandvig, Schliesman, Tennant, Whitebird, Winter, and Wolff. This deaccession pertains to a Purple Heart medal box/case that is covered in a white powdery substance that is most likely mold. This substance could be transferred to other artifacts and therefore posed a risk to the rest of the collection.

Much discussion took place regarding Lauck's interest regarding human statues in the state. A MOTION WAS MADE by Jon Lauck and seconded by Peggy Sanders that the South Dakota State Historical Society work with the South Dakota Arts Council to develop a list of outdoor human statues located in South Dakota. After discussion, Jon Lauck adjusted the motion with Peggy Sander's consent that South Dakota State Historical Society Director Jay D. Vogt report back to the trustees at the September 11, 2020 meeting regarding the mechanics of creating a list. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 12 ayes. Members voting aye: Flynn, Fowler, Hurlbert, Langland, Lauck, Sanders, Sandvig, Schliesman, Tennant, Whitebird, Winter, and Wolff.

#### Other Business

There were no recommendations for Certificates of Recognition.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 11, 2020 at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre beginning at 9:00 a.m.

There was no executive session.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 1:05 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 June 19, 2020 meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees.

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Jay D. Vogt, Director  
South Dakota State Historical Society

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Caroline C. Uecker  
Recording Secretary