

**APPROVED**  
**BOARD OF STATE HISTORY MEETING**

February 10, 2011  
Rio Grande Depot Board Room  
1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Michael Homer, chair  
Martha Bradley, vice chair  
Deanne Matheny  
Maria Garciaz  
Bob McPherson  
Scott Christensen  
Michael Winder  
Max Smith

**EXCUSED:**

Greg Thompson  
Ron Coleman  
Chere Romney  
Thom Roberts, Attorney General's Office

**STAFF:**

Kelly Beck, Public Lands Policy Coordination Office (PLPCO)  
Michael Hansen, Acting Executive Director  
Jane VanWagoner  
Phil Notarianni  
Wilson Martin  
Doug Misner  
Kristen Rogers-Iversen  
Cory Jensen  
Kent Powell  
Londi Rowley  
Jinnie Edgar  
Barbara Murphy  
Nelson Knight  
Kevin Jones

**PUBLIC:**

Linda Smith, Morgan County Historical Society  
DeAnn Fresh, Preservation Commission  
Korral Broschinsky, Consultant

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**WELCOME**

Michael Homer welcomed everyone to the Board meeting. He introduced Michael Hansen, acting Executive Director and Jane Van Wagoner his assistant of the Department of Community and Cultural. Michael informed the Board that Phil Notarianni will retire April 1, 2011. He welcomed everyone to an open house celebration in his honor on Thursday, March 31 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., with a program at 4:00. Michael expressed his deep appreciation to Phil for a job well done over the years not only as a great leader as the Director but also for his professional service of 33 years at State History.

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2010 BOARD MEETINGS**

Max Smith made a motion to approve the November 4, 2010 Board meeting minutes. Scott Christensen seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

**NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS**

Please refer to the following criteria:

- A) Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B) Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C) Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

### **South Round Valley School in Morgan, presented by Cory Jensen.**

The South Round Valley School, built c. 1873, is a local landmark in Morgan County. It is historically significant under Criterion A (and Criteria Consideration A, for a religious-use building) for its role in the broad patterns of history in Round Valley, reflecting the determination of the early Mormon settlers to establish communities for their members and provide permanent buildings in which to educate their children and practice their faith. Education was important to the early settlers, and it was often combined with religious instruction, so combining both uses in a single building was common in most of Utah's early cities and towns. In most early settlements, the first building constructed was the school/meetinghouse, and was often expediently built of logs or adobe brick. The South Round Valley School was more substantially constructed of stone, which, although not unheard of, was not that common during the earliest settlement of Utah. As a one-room schoolhouse/meetinghouse for the Mormon settlers in South Round Valley after the arrival of the transcontinental railroad through the valley in the late 1860s, the building is historically significant for its role in both education and religion in South Round Valley. Morgan County was never densely populated, and consequently, never had many public buildings. There are few extant examples of early architecture in the community of South Round Valley, and the school is the only remaining nineteenth-century public building in Morgan County, and one of the few extant one-room schools in the entire state. The building retains its historical integrity and is a contributing historical property in the South Round Valley of Morgan County, Utah

Max Smith made a motion to accept the South Round Valley School for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Bob McPherson seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

### **Poulsen-Hall House in Manti, presented by Cory Jensen**

The Poulsen-Hall House, a 1½-story stone house built between 1876 and 1879, is significant under Criterion C as an excellent example of a settlement-era stone residence in Manti, Sanpete County, Utah. The Poulsen-Hall house is unique as the only example of a temple-form house executed in stone in the city. The stone house and the ell addition were built in two phases during the same period as the construction of the Manti LDS Temple. The oolite limestone used came from the temple quarry, and it is likely that the blocks chosen by the builder of the Poulsen-Hall House were selected from stone discarded by the temple masons. The house has elements of the Greek Revival style.

The Poulsen-Hall house is also significant under Criterion A in the areas of Commerce and Medicine for its association with the commercial and medical history of Manti as it transitioned from the settlement era to late-nineteenth-century prosperity. As the hostilities between the first settlers and the native population of the Sanpete Valley subsided in the 1870s, the adjacent mountains became available for a range livestock industry (primarily sheep), and local hay production dramatically increased. The agricultural prosperity was augmented by a growing mercantile economy, including numerous cottage industries. The first owner of the Poulsen-Hall House was Niels C. Poulsen (1843-1888), who operated a tailoring business from his home. Niels C. Poulsen's vocation included making clothing for the men who provided volunteer labor on the temple construction. His two wives, Christina Lund Poulsen (1847-1880) and Jennie Anderson Poulsen (1861-1950), aided him in the tailoring business. The house is significant for the contributions in the areas of Commerce made by the Poulsen family. After Niels C. Poulsen's death, Jennie Poulsen worked from the house as a nurse and midwife. The house is significant in the area of Medicine because of the work of Jennie Poulsen. Niels and Christina Poulsen's daughter, Dagmar and her husband, William T. Hall, were the home's second owners. They operated a successful sheep business from the home for many years. The period of significance includes the occupancy of both the Poulsen and Hall families from 1876 to 1959. The Poulsen-Hall House is a contributing historic resource in the area of agriculture for the contributions of the Poulsen and the Hall families to the development of Manti.

Michael Winder made a motion to accept the Poulsen-Hall House for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Maria Garciaz seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

## **Westmoreland Place Historic District in Salt Lake City, presented by Cory Jensen**

The Westmoreland Place Historic District is significant under both Criteria A and C for its association with the development of the residential East Bench of Salt Lake City in the streetcar era and its intact collection of early twentieth century housing, particularly Craftsman bungalows. It is locally historically significant under Criteria A as an example of a designed subdivision built on a streetcar line on the East Bench by out-of-state developers or land merchants, Earl and Clark Dunshee, who were drawn to Salt Lake City by its tremendous growth at the turn of the last century. It was planned as an exclusive subdivision restricted to more affluent buyers and marketed through newspaper advertising. All aspects of the neighborhood were planned and executed by the Dunshees from the sidewalks, curbs, gutters, street trees, to the grand entrance through stone gate houses with grass-covered park areas on either side. The marketing was successful and Westmoreland Place residents were prominent citizens of Salt Lake City.

The Westmoreland Place Historic District is also significant under Criteria C for its well-preserved collection of early to mid-twentieth century housing types. It is unique in Salt Lake City for its intact assortment of Craftsman bungalows, including examples of the uncommon-to-Utah subtypes, the airplane bungalow and a variety of California bungalows. It is known primarily for the Craftsman bungalows built by the Dunshees, complemented with period revival cottages and WWII-era cottages, contributed by other local builders. It remains one of the most intact collections of architecturally significant bungalows and period cottages in the Salt Lake City. Because the development of the subdivision occurred over a short period of time, less than forty years, the area is visually cohesive. The setbacks are uniform, and the house types are compatible in terms of massing and scale. The Westmoreland Place Historic District contributes significantly to the historic resources of Salt Lake City and is an excellent example of an exclusive East Bench bungalow subdivision built out with period cottages.

Scott Christensen made a motion to accept the Westmoreland Place Historic district for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Max Smith seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

## **Department of Community and Culture Update**

Michael Hansen addressed the Board regarding appointing Wilson Martin as Acting Director. Statute clearly states that the Director of State History is “appointed by the executive director with the concurrence of the board” [UCA 9-8-202]. During this interim time Michael Hansen recommends that Wilson Martin be acting director beginning April 1, 2011. The Board agreed with the decision. Michael talked about HB 287. This is a House Bill sponsored by Representative Wayne Harper, currently the chair of the House Rules Committee. This year DCC is one of ten agencies that are part of the Business, Economic Development and Labor Appropriation Subcommittee. The Subcommittee has prepared options for eliminating the structural deficit. Included in these is the restructuring of the historic preservation program and the elimination of two full time employees (FTEs). There will be no final determinations until the end of the legislative session. Michael stated that it is a different environment during this Legislative session. Only the Department heads were allowed to address the Appropriation Subcommittee, not the Divisions; however Michael did hand out State History’s legislative fact sheet prepared by Alycia Aldrich.

## **R212-6 State Register for Historic Resources and Archaeological Sites**

Wilson reported on R212-6. Staffs, Deanne Matheny and Thom Roberts have reviewed the changes in the rule and are ready to publish them through the Division of Administrative Rules. Staff is suggesting a 90 day period for public comment and then the Board would consider action to ratify the rule.

Scott Christensen made the motion to approve publication and a 90 day period for public comment. Maria Garciaz seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous approval.

### **Update on Adhoc Committee to Review Archaeological Access and Usage Fee**

Kevin Jones stated that State History is the archaeological record keeper for the entire state. These records contain sensitive information and are protected. Now with the digital age, all the archaeological records could fit in someone's pocket and easily could be compromised. Staff can put reasonable restrictions on the use of archaeological records that meet our responsibilities as keepers. Currently there are 230 online users with 16 agencies who have access to this data. Users cannot download any of the information. A fee is collected for users and now that it is accomplished electronically, the Division should draft a policy and/or rule for archaeological access and usage fees and to help secure the protection of these records. Kevin will schedule a meeting with staff, Bob McPherson and Deanne Matheny to prepare a draft policy for archaeological access and usage fee. Wilson Martin remarked that regarding the Round River request for protected archaeological records, the Division is stating that the Board is undertaking a review to assure a good policy is in place.

### **Update Artifact Deaccession/Transfer Sub Committee**

Doug Misner reported to the Board that on December 29, he, Wilson, and Michele traveled to Wendover to visit the Russian Data Collection Center. Jim Petersen, Executive Director of the Wendover Air Field, wants to keep the Center but does not have a lot of resources at this time for improvements. It was suggested that the Division would help support work on the Center. The next step is to draft a letter to confirm that Wendover Air Field retains the Center and that State History may assist in technical assistance and research. State History would like to help find funding for this important piece of American history. The Russian Station is on loan and is still a part of State History's collection.

In regards to Engine 223, and the question of the transfer of ownership of the locomotive, several procedures need to take place. The first step is for the Division to draft a letter to the Ogden Union Station Foundation asking for a formal request for Engine 223. A second letter will be addressed to the Utah State Museum Railroad Authority acknowledging responsibility for the care of the Engine 223. These two letters will be written and once we have the letters back, a third letter will be drafted to SLC seeking their approval for the official transfer to Ogden. All the historic information will then be retained and documented for record. It was accessioned but never deaccessioned to Ogden. State History will then enter into a programmatic agreement with all concerned parties.

The Collection staff has reviewed the Division's Deaccessioning Policy and will have the subcommittee review the updated policy to present to the Board for approval. Doug and Michele should be commended for their diligent work on these two issues.

### **Division Information**

Phil handed out the balanced scorecard for January. Phil assured the Board that even during this difficult and uncertain time, the staff continues to produce excellent and professional work. The legislative fact sheet demonstrates the accomplishment during this last year.

Wilson stated that HB243 is largely about municipalities. This bill is targeted towards Yalecrest in SLC. Many groups are coming out against this bill. This is a local issue and does not affect State History programs. Martha Bradley stated that this may be a local history issue, but it affects the spirit of the National Register. This Board or any member of the Board may be proactive about this bill.

Wilson thanked Phil for his wonderful years of service and stated that it has been a pleasure to work with him.

## **Board Appointments**

Michael Homer reminded the Board about appointments. Chere Romney and Ron Coleman are completing their second term as Board members. Three members may be reappointed: Bob McPherson, Maria Garcia and Greg Thompson. The Board and Division have made some recommendations to the Governor's Office regarding appointments. Michael stated that anyone interested in becoming a Board member should be directed to the Governor's website and fill out the Board of State History application form. Chere Romney and Ron Coleman will be given plaques in their honor to thank them for their time and service.

## **59<sup>th</sup> State History Annual Conference – September 8 – 10, 2011**

Kent Powell stated that the Division will have the Annual Conference at the Rio Grande Depot. Kent will be sending out a call for papers. A keynote speaker should be selected soon. Kent is also putting together a list for the best books awards. State History will look for partners for the Annual Conference. One such possibility is Fort Douglas. Phil assured the Board that all the awards have been funded by private partners for this coming year. Michael Homer suggested that the theme could be 35 years after publication of *The Peoples of Utah*.

## **Farewell**

Phil has been with State History over 34 years. He thanked everyone personally and knows that this organization will be in good hands with Wilson and Michael. The decision to retire is a personal decision and Phil is looking forward to continuing to be a historian. He thanked Michael Homer for his excellent job and continued support he has provided for the Division and the Board throughout the years. He thanked the staff for their positive and efficient work, and he acknowledged the outstanding *Utah History Quarterly*. Phil is glad he has been a part of the Division for all these years and will continue to be around. Thanks to all of you! This is the last Board meeting I will attend as Director, "molte gracias."

## **Other Business**

**Utah Archaeology Week, May 7 – 14, 2011**

**Archaeology Open House May 7 from 10:00 a.m., to 3:00 p.m. at the Rio Grande Depot**

Adjourn: 3:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: June 9, 2011.**