

APPROVED
BOARD OF STATE HISTORY MEETING

June 9, 2011
Rio Grande Depot Board Room
1:00 – 3:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Michael Homer, chair
Martha Bradley, vice chair
Deanne Matheny
Maria Garciaz
Bob McPherson
Scott Christensen
Michael Winder
Max Smith
Greg Thompson
Ron Coleman
Chere Romney

EXCUSED:

Thom Roberts, Attorney General's Office

STAFF:

Jolet Olsen, Director Strategic Initiatives, Department of Community and Culture
Wilson Martin
Doug Misner
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Kristen Rogers-Iversen
Cory Jensen
Kent Powell
Kevin Jones
Michele Elnicky
Arie Leeflang

WELCOME

The Board of State History went into Executive Session at approximately 1:15. The Board meeting began at 1:45. Michael Homer welcomed everyone and introduced Jolet Olsen, Director of Strategic Initiatives of the Department of Community and Cultural. He also congratulated Martha Bradley with her new appointment as Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs at the University of Utah.

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2011 BOARD MEETINGS

Greg Thompson made a motion to approve the February 11, 2011 Board meeting minutes. Scott Christensen seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

AWARD NOMINATIONS

Alycia Aldrich reported on the award nominations that will be presented at the 59th Annual State History Conference, September 9 - 11, 2011. Attachment A is the awards report with Board action.

NATIONAL REGISTER REVIEW

Horse Canyon Archaeological District, present by Cory Jensen.

The expanded Horseshoe Canyon Archeological District (Boundary Increase) is significant under NRHP criteria C and D at a national level of significance. A 1971 National Register nomination included approximately 9.9 acres of the Horseshoe Canyon area with five sites explicitly noted. The district was listed at a national level of significance. The currently nominated area is significant under Criterion C

because it possesses high artistic values manifest in a variety of rock art styles, and because it typifies Barrier Canyon Style rock art. The area has been described as “the finest gallery of prehistoric pictographs in the New World” (NPS 1967). The district is significant under Criterion D because of the scientific information related to prehistory that has derived, and can continue to be derived, from the district. The district is significant in four areas of prehistoric archeology. In the area of industry the district is significant because of the information it contains related to prehistoric technologies. In the area of art the district provides important information regarding the production of BCS pictographs. In the area of religion the district supplies information regarding the beliefs, practices, and traditions that characterized the relationships between its prehistoric occupants and perceived supernatural forces. In the area of social history the district addresses such themes as settlement patterns, mobility, subsistence practices, storage behavior, and cultural interaction. The period of significance for the district includes the Archaic and Formative stages (7000 B.C. – A.D. 1300). Most of the sites in the Horseshoe Canyon unit are associated with these periods and are affiliated with Archaic, Fremont, and Ancestral Pueblo cultures.

A motion to support the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places was made by Max Smith. Greg Thompson seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Michael thanked Chere and Ron for attending the meeting. According to the Board bylaws, “members of the Board shall hold their offices until their successors are duly appointed...” The Senate should approve new Board members before the next meeting, August 11, 2011.

DIVISION UPDATE

State History will again experience a reduction of force due to legislative budget cuts eliminating two full time merit employees. The Department of Human Resources has developed a work force adjust plan to determine what positions will be eliminated.

Wilson reported on the balanced scorecard. The most significant action in the Division is the new Preservation Pro. This database will enable consultants working for developers to efficiently search for archaeological and historic sites in Utah. The public can also access the thousands of properties on the historic sites database. The division continues to work on reports for HB 287. He encouraged the Board to comment on the online DCC survey. As the stewards of the State’s collection, there are discussions about potential space at a site in Clearfield that can properly care for some of State History’s collection needs. This space is owned by the state and available to us for operation and maintenance costs.

Kevin reported on the very successful Archaeology Week the first week in May. There were approximately 750 people who attended the Open House in May. There were also successful events throughout the state.

The 59th Annual State History Conference will be held September 9 – 11 at Fort Douglas. Michael Homer stated that a decision was made to move the Conference forward one day having the awards and keynote address on Friday evening and general sessions on Saturday to see if we can attract a larger audience that will include teachers. Wilson would like to reduce costs through partnerships. Robert Voyles has worked with the division staff to finalize the program. Kent Powell added that there are about twenty proposals for sessions and he and Robert Voyles are working on the details. Greg Thompson stated that he has been attending the meetings and they have been very productive and an excellent partnership. Michael encouraged the Board to chair sessions. Phil Notarianni will give the Friday evening address and Bill MacKinnon will present a plenary session on Saturday.

The rule was published in April and there is a ninety day comment period until July 14, 2011. There have been no public comments as of this date. At the next Board meeting the rule can be approved.

DRAFT ARCHAEOLOGY ACCESS USAGE FEE POLICY

State History is moving to a completely electronic database and this creates some issues. State History is bound by state and federal laws to protect archaeological sites information. A draft policy can help make determinations on the management of archaeological records. Michael Homer wanted to know what the role is for the Board regarding this policy. Kevin stated that the Board would approve the policy and appeals would come to the Board. Kevin would recommend that the Director would determine denial and the Board would be used for the appeals process. Michael Homer stated that he did not see a clear delineation of those responsibilities. Kevin encouraged the Board to review the policy carefully and make comments and changes. Wilson stated that the division is seeking the Board's advice and recommendation on this draft policy to be reviewed again at the next meeting.

DRAFT UPDATE OF DEACCESSIONING COLLECTIONS POLICY

Doug Misner presented the draft Deaccessioning Collections Policy. The Board is being asked to review the updates and add any input, comments, questions or concerns.

Greg Thompson expressed his appreciation on the great job Doug Misner and Michele Elnicky has done to update the policy. The Board discussed several items, specifically in the procedures, and the Curators' role. It is important that this policy is carefully reviewed by staff and the Board and that it helps to define the collection to make it a better overall collection.

Greg Thompson made a recommendation that there is an abandonment document that is drafted on procedure. Abandoned properties are part of this procedure and needs to have a policy statement as part of holdings in the collection. It is another tool. It should be a document over and above. Wilson stated that there is some statutory guidance. Wilson stated that this policy still needs some work and it will be brought to the Board at the next meeting.

AUGUST 11 MEETING/RETREAT

Wilson would like one meeting a year where the Board meets with partners. The Board agreed. The Board suggested that Wilson make a decision on where to have the meeting and Lynette will poll the Board to see what date work best, August 2, 4 or 11.

Greg made the motion to adjourn, Max Smith second the motion and passed with unanimous vote.

Adjourn: 3:23

NEXT MEETING: Date to be announced.

Attachment A - State History 2011 Annual Award Nominations

Nominee	Award Category	Summary of Nomination	Coordinator Recommendation	Board Approval
Philip F. Notarianni	Fellow	For outstanding research and writing of Utah history.	N/A	Motion to approve Greg Thompson Seconded Max Smith Passed unanimously
Bill Smart	Honorary Life Member	For distinguished service to the State and the Society.	N/A	Motion to approve Greg Thompson Seconded Max Smith Passed unanimously
Bernice Payne	Outstanding Contribution	For her outstanding efforts to preserve the history of Utah's cemeteries, through the inventorying and digitizing of over 3,500 burials.	Forward to Board for approval. Motion: Kent Powell 2 nd : Barbara Murphy	Motion to approve Greg Thompson Seconded Max Smith Passed unanimously
Pam Todd, Kearns Historical Society	Outstanding Contribution	For her outstanding efforts to preserve the history of Kearns, Utah.	Forward to Board for approval. Motion: Kent Powell 2 nd : Barbara Murphy	Motion to approve Scott Christensen Seconded Maria Garciaz Passed unanimously
Ellen S. Kiever, Uintah County Regional History Center	Outstanding Contribution	For her outstanding efforts to preserve, disseminate, and curate the history of Utah's Uinta Basin.	Forward to Board for approval. Motion: Kristen Rogers-Iversen 2 nd : Kevin Jones	Motion to approve Greg Thompson Seconded Max Smith Passed unanimously
Brian and Rebecca Brinkerhoff	Outstanding Contribution	For their outstanding efforts, public outreach, education and support of Utah Archaeology Week.	Forward to Board for approval. Motion: Kevin Jones 2 nd : Doug Misner	Motion to approve Bob McPherson Seconded Greg Thompson Passed unanimously
Constantine J. Skedros	Outstanding Contribution	For his outstanding efforts to preserve Utah's Greek History.	Forward to Board for approval. Motion: Kent Powell 2 nd : Barbara Murphy	Motion to approve Ron Coleman Seconded Maria Garciaz Passed unanimously
U.S. Forest Service/Dixie National Forest	Outstanding Achievement	For their outstanding efforts demonstrated during the rehabilitation of the historic Pine Valley Guard Station.	Forward to Board for approval. Motion: Barbara Murphy 2 nd : Kristen Rogers-Iversen	Motion to approve Scott Christensen Seconded Michael Winder Passed unanimously
Dr. John C. Ravesloot Dr. David Yoder	Outstanding Achievement	For their outstanding efforts demonstrated during the Holly UNEV Pipeline project, resulting in the mitigation of several prehistoric and historic sites.	Forward to Board for approval. Motion: Kevin Jones 2 nd : Barbara Murphy	Motion to approve Deanne Matheny Seconded Greg Thompson Passed unanimously
Alice McDonald Olsen	Outstanding Achievement	For her outstanding efforts preserving Holladay's history through the publication of <i>Mt. Olympus and Holladay</i> .	Forward to Board for approval. Motion: Kent Powell 2 nd : Barbara Murphy	Motion to approve Ron Coleman Seconded Max Smith Passed unanimously
Jeff Williams, CBI Security Guard	Outstanding Achievement	For his outstanding service to Utah State History and staff.	Forward to Board for approval. Motion: Wilson Martin 2 nd : Barbara Murphy	Motion to approve Greg Thompson Seconded Martha Bradley Passed unanimously

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Nichole Thompson "Utah, the Anti-Vietnam War Movement, and the University of Utah." Spring 2011	Dale L. Morgan Award	For the best scholarly article of the year appearing in Utah Historical Quarterly. Approved by Advisory Board of Editors and Board of State History. (Stipend of \$1000.00)	N/A	Motion to approve listed awards Greg Thompson Seconded Martha Bradley Passed unanimously
Kathryn Callahan "Sisters of the Holy Cross and Kearns-St. Ann's Orphanage." Summer 2010	Charles Redd Center for Western Study Award	For the best general interest article of the year appearing in Utah Historical Quarterly. Approved by Advisory Board of Editors and Board of State History. (Stipend of \$500.00)	N/A	
Ben Cater "Grassroots Healing: The Park City Miners' Hospital." Fall 2010 and Lisa Ottesen Fillerup "Wasatch Stake Tabernacle: Redefining Pioneers." Summer 2010	Nick Yengich Memorial Editors' Choice Awards (tie this year, each will receive \$100.00)	For the Utah Historical Quarterly article selected as editors' choice for the year. Approved by Advisory Board of Editors and Board of State History. (Stipend of \$100.00)	N/A	
Emily Johnson "White Water Women: The Women of Nevills Expeditions, 1936-1949."	Helen Papanikolas Award	For the best college/university student's paper on the subject of "Women's History in Utah." (Stipend of \$100.00)	N/A	
Will Bagley <i>So Rugged and Mountainous: Blazing the Trails to Oregon and California, 1812-1848</i> (University of Oklahoma Press)	Francis Armstrong Madsen Best Utah History Book Award	For the best book on Utah history published during 2010. Approved by Advisory Board of Editors and Board of State History. (Stipend of \$1,000.00)	N/A	
David Prior "Civilization, Republic, Nation: Contested Keywords, Northern Republicans, and the Forgotten Reconstruction of Mormon Utah," <i>Civil War History</i> , Volume 56, Number 3, September 2010.	LeRoy S. Axland Best Article Award	For the best Utah history article appearing in a publication other than <i>Utah Historical Quarterly</i> . Approved by Advisory Board of Editors and Board of State History. (Stipend of \$500.00)	N/A	
Leo Lyman <i>Candid Insights of a Mormon Apostle: The Diaries of Abraham H. Cannon</i> (Signature Books)	Smith-Pettit Foundation Best Documentary Book in Utah History Award	For the editor or editors of the best documentary book in Utah History published in 2010. Approved by Advisory Board of Editors and Board of State History. (Stipend of \$1,000.00)	N/A	
Louwane Vansoolen <i>Fort Douglas, Images of America</i> series, Arcadia Publishing	Amy Allen Price Military History Award	For the editor or editors of a book, article, or museum exhibit significantly contributing to an understanding of United States military history as it relates to Utah. Approved by Board of State History. (Stipend of \$200.00)	N/A	
	William P. MacKinnon Award	For specialized training, education, and professional development. (Stipend of \$1,500.00)	N/A	Approved by the director to be announced