

**History Nebraska Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, October 15, 2021**

**Kimpton Cottonwood Hotel
Golden Coast Room
302 S. 36th St.
Omaha, Nebraska 68131**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. CST
Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME AND REMARKS

Marilyn Moore, President of the History Nebraska Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. She referenced the legal noticed published on October 10, 2021 and that the meeting is publicized by state statute, and that the meeting is in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Marilyn stated that the mission of History Nebraska is to “open to all the histories we share”, with special attention to ALL of Nebraska’s story. She welcomed guests: Gail DeBuse Potter, President, Roger Lempke, Executive Vice President, and Leslie Fattig, Executive Director, from the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation, and Tyler Vacha, Executive Director from the History Nebraska Foundation.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Robert Bartee, Ann Bruntz, Mark Goodman, Galen Hadley, Richard Herink, Tom Kraus, Jamesena Moore, Marilyn Moore, Vickie Schaepler, Pamela Snow, Connie Spellman, William Wickersham, Eileen Wirth
Not Present: David Levy, Charles Schroeder

3. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENTS (REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Marilyn inquired if there were public questions or comments, and if there were any members of the public that wished to address the board at this meeting. There were no questions or comments.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON JULY 16, 2021

4.1 Motion to approve the Minutes from July 16, 2021.

Motion by Mark Goodman, Second by Jamesena Moore
Yes: Robert Bartee, Ann Bruntz, Mark Goodman, Galen Hadley, Richard Herink, Tom Kraus, Jamesena Moore, Marilyn Moore, Vickie Schaepler, Pamela Snow, Connie Spellman, William Wickersham, Eileen Wirth
No: None

Not Present: David Levy, Charles Schroeder
Motion adopted.

5. NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION REPORT (LESLIE FATTIG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY)

The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation Report was not available. When it becomes available, it will be distributed to History Nebraska Board of Trustee members.

6. HISTORY NEBRASKA FOUNDATION REPORT (TYLER VACHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR)

Tyler Vacha presented his report from the History Nebraska Foundation.

7. COMMITTEE REPORT - FINANCE (VICKIE SCHAEPLER - TREASURER)

Vickie Schaepler presented the Treasurer's report for History Nebraska.

8. COMMITTEE REPORT - GOVERNANCE (MARILYN MOORE – PRESIDENT)

8.1 Election of New Board Officers:

Connie Spellman reported on the election of new Board Officers for January 2022:

David Levy - President
Pam Snow – 1st Vice President
Galen Hadley – 2nd Vice President
Jamesena Moore – Treasurer

8.2 Motion to appoint new Officers for the History Nebraska Board of Trustees for January 2022.

Motion by Connie Spellman

Yes: Robert Bartee, Ann Bruntz, Mark Goodman, Galen Hadley, Richard Herink, Tom Kraus, Jamesena Moore, Marilyn Moore, Vickie Schaepler, Pamela Snow, Connie Spellman, William Wickersham, Eileen Wirth

No: None

Not Present: David Levy, Charles Schroeder

8.2 AAM Accreditation:

Marilyn thanked outgoing Board Officers, and mentioned the revision of documents for AAM accreditation and a short discussion ensued regarding the progress associated with this process.

8.3 Bylaws:

William Wickersham reported on the Amended and Restated Bylaws as worked on by Robert Bartee, William Wickersham, Galen Hadley, and Jamesena Moore. These revisions included shaping the bylaws for board relevance and the omission of revisions related to categories of membership.

Marilyn Moore suggested a separate task force to work on the Emeritus Trustees section of the bylaws.

8.4 Motion to approve the Amended and Restated Bylaws for the History Nebraska Board of Trustees for the first round of revisions.

Motion by Robert Bartee

Yes: Robert Bartee, Ann Bruntz, Mark Goodman, Galen Hadley, Richard Herink, Tom Kraus, Jamesena Moore, Marilyn Moore, Vickie Schaepler, Pamela Snow, Connie Spellman, William Wickersham, Eileen Wirth

No: None

Not Present: David Levy, Charles Schroeder

8.5 Motion to approve the proposed policy on classes and membership, as removed from the Amended and Restated Bylaws for the History Nebraska Board of Trustees, and as the first round of revision.

Motion by Jamesena Moore, Second by Mark Goodman

Yes: Robert Bartee, Ann Bruntz, Mark Goodman, Galen Hadley, Richard Herink, Tom Kraus, Jamesena Moore, Marilyn Moore, Vickie Schaepler, Pamela Snow, Connie Spellman, William Wickersham, Eileen Wirth

No: None

Not Present: David Levy, Charles Schroeder

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9.1 Motion to proceed to Executive Session for the History Nebraska Board of Trustees to discuss the Evaluation for the CEO/Director of History Nebraska, Trevor Jones.

Motion by Pamela Snow, Second by Jamesena Moore.

Yes: Robert Bartee, Ann Bruntz, Mark Goodman, Galen Hadley, Richard Herink, Tom Kraus, Jamesena Moore, Marilyn Moore, Vickie Schaepler, Pamela Snow, Connie Spellman, William Wickersham, Eileen Wirth

No: None

Not Present: David Levy, Charles Schroeder

All guests and staff left the room at 9:52 a.m. and returned at 10:50 a.m.

9.2 Motion to return from Executive Session.

Motion by Mark Goodman, second by Jamesena Moore

Yes: Robert Bartee, Ann Bruntz, Mark Goodman, Galen Hadley, Richard Herink, Tom Kraus, Jamesena Moore, Marilyn Moore, Vickie Schaepler, Pamela Snow, Connie Spellman, William Wickersham, Eileen Wirth

No: None

Not Present: David Levy, Charles Schroeder

9.3 Motion to approve a 5% increase in salary for CEO/Director, Trevor Jones, of History Nebraska.

Motion by Pamela Snow, second by Mark Goodman

Yes: Robert Bartee, Ann Bruntz, Mark Goodman, Galen Hadley, Richard Herink, Tom Kraus, Jamesena Moore, Marilyn Moore, Vickie Schaepler, Pamela Snow, Connie Spellman, William Wickersham, Eileen Wirth

No: None

Not Present: David Levy, Charles Schroeder

10. COMMITTEE REPORT – NOMINATING (CONNIE SPELLMAN, CHAIR)

Connie Spellman reported on two newly elected board of trustee members and one re-elected Board of Trustee Member:

Sean Flowerday (Lincoln, First Congressional District) – elected

David Levy (Omaha, Second Congressional District) – re-elected

Chandra Diaz-DeBose (Kearney, Third Congressional District) - elected

Marilyn thanked outgoing Board members, Charles Schroeder and Vickie Schaepler, for their service, as well as for Vickie’s work with the Heritage Hero program. Director Trevor Jones stated that plaques will be sent to each member regarding their excellence in service. Connie Spellman thanked Marilyn Moore for her service as President.

Director Trevor Jones noted that orientation will be in December for new members and that current board members are welcome to attend as well. A proposal of dates will be sent to the new board members and current board members.

11. DIRECTOR’S REPORT (TREVOR JONES, DIRECTOR AND CEO)

Director Jones presented his report on History Nebraska.

Director Jones introduced Mick Hale, Director of Educational Resources.

12. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING AT HISTORY NEBRASKA (MICK HALE, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES)

Mick presented his report on Educational Programming at History Nebraska.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Motion to approve the Deaccession Report from History Nebraska.

Motion by Galen Hadley, Second by Mark Goodman

Yes: Robert Bartee, Ann Bruntz, Mark Goodman, Galen Hadley, Richard Herink, Tom Kraus, Jamesena Moore, Marilyn Moore, Vickie Schaepler, Pamela Snow, Connie Spellman, William Wickersham, Eileen Wirth

No: None

Not Present: David Levy, Charles Schroeder

14. PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2022 BOARD MEETINGS

January 14, 2022 – Lincoln
April 8, 2022 – Neligh/Norfolk
July 15, 2022 – Fort Robinson
October 14, 2022 - Omaha

14.1 Motion to approve Proposed Meeting schedule for 2022 Board Meetings.

Motion by Ann Bruntz, Second by Jamesena Moore
Yes: Robert Bartee, Ann Bruntz, Mark Goodman, Galen Hadley, Richard Herink, Tom Kraus, Jamesena Moore, Marilyn Moore, Vickie Schaepler, Pamela Snow, Connie Spellman, William Wickersham, Eileen Wirth
No: None
Not Present: David Levy, Charles Schroeder

15. OTHER BUSINESS & TRUSTEES ROUNDTABLE (MARILYN MOORE)

A Board of Trustee member will take responsibility for the Heritage Hero program in 2022. A letter of congratulations and a certificate will be presented by a museum representative to the winner and this will be mailed out for 2019 to close out the year.

The Executive Board decided to reduce the minutes due to efficiency and best practice for Board meetings. Action taken and topics on the Agenda will be recorded in the minutes.

Marilyn thanked Connie Spellman, Eileen Wirth, and Jamesena Moore for their coordination of the October Annual Event and Meeting for 2021.

15.1 Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Jamesena Moore, seconded by Pamela Snow.
Yes: Robert Bartee, Ann Bruntz, Mark Goodman, Galen Hadley, Richard Herink, Tom Kraus, Jamesena Moore, Marilyn Moore, Vickie Schaepler, Pamela Snow, Connie Spellman, William Wickersham, Eileen Wirth
No: None
Not Present: David Levy, Charles Schroeder

16. ADJOURNMENT AT 12:36 P.M.