



**History Nebraska Board of Trustees Meeting
October 13, 2023 - 9:00 AM
Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center
1326 S 32nd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68105**

MINUTES

Call to Order

Jamesena Moore, President of the History Nebraska Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

Roll Call

PRESENT - Jessica Charlsen, Philip Clement, Sean Flowerday, Mark Goodman, Ben Gray, Galen Hadley, Richard Herink, Jamesena Moore, Marilyn Moore, Nicholas Walter, Bob Wickersham, Arlan Wine (arrived at 9:15 am)

ABSENT - Jack Berg, Chandra Diaz

Certification of Publication - Notification of Open Meetings Act

The legal notice required by state statute was published in the *Lincoln Journal Star* on October 6, 2023, and the *Omaha Daily Record* on October 9, 2023.

The meeting is in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is available on the table.

Welcome, Remarks and Introduction of Guests

President Moore welcomed the following guests: Roger Lempke, Nebraska State History Society Foundation President; Gail Debusse-Potter, Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation Vice President; Leslie Fattig, Nebraska State Historical Society Executive Director; Sondra Reiseron, History Nebraska Director of Collections; and Scott Danigole, State of Nebraska Budget Analyst.

President Moore thanked outgoing Board of Trustee Mark Goodman.

Reminder of the History Nebraska Mission

The History Nebraska mission was read aloud and President Moore asked us to be mindful of this mission during our meeting today.

Appreciation of the outgoing History Nebraska Board of Trustee Members

Mark Goodman, Galen Hadley, and Marilyn Moore

Opportunity for Public Questions and Comments (regarding Agenda items only)

Gail DeBuse Potter expressed her ongoing concerns regarding the deaccession process.

Gail DeBuse Potter expressed her concerns regarding the accuracy of the membership list and the integrity of the election process.

Roger Lempke expressed his concern that the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation's interests were not being represented on the newly formed Executive Director Search Committee.

Approval of the Minutes from July 14, 2023, Board Meeting

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 14, 2023

Motion by: GOODMAN

Second by: GRAY

Yeas: CHARLSEN, CLEMENT, FLOWERDAY, GOODMAN, GRAY, HADLEY, HERINK, J. MOORE, M. MOORE, WALTER, WICKERSHAM, WINE

Nays: NONE

Abstain: LEVY

Motion adopted

History Nebraska Foundation Report

There was no one present to provide a report.

Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation Report

Leslie Fattig, Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation Executive Director, provided a quarterly update.

History Nebraska Director's Report

Jill Dolberg, Interim Executive Director, provided a quarterly update.

Finance Committee

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report

Motion by: GOODMAN

Second by: WALTER

Yeas: CHARLSEN, CLEMENT, FLOWERDAY, GOODMAN, GRAY, HADLEY, HERINK, LEVY, J. MOORE, M. MOORE, WALTER, WICKERSHAM, WINE

Nays: NONE

Motion adopted

Governance Committee

Jamie Moore, Chair of the Governance Committee reported the committee met and concluded since the Board is intended to approve policy and staff execute; and the policy was reviewed by the American Alliance of Museums and their peer reviewers during History Nebraska's Reaccreditation process, unless the board begins to sense the policy is not being executed well, there is no need to discuss every deaccession at an item level. However, the entire board should continue to receive the entire Deaccession List for board perusal.

The cover memo that provides a summary of the deaccession proposed by the Collection Committee is appreciated. It is suggested that future cover memos incorporate "In accordance with the agency's AAM approved Collections Management Policy..." The item level list cite reasons for the deaccession to match the terminology in the Collections Management Policy. The committee, also, agreed additional training on Deaccession be included in the board orientation for new members. Sondra will record an updated Deaccession presentation to be a part of this training.

In summary, the Governance Committee encourages continued discussion as it is evidence of an engaged board but sees no need to revisit the Collections Management Policy currently. It supports the diligent work of the staff who do this work.

Nominating Committee

Marilyn Moore reported on the 2023 History Nebraska Board of Trustees election.

1,959 election ballots were sent

405 election ballots were executed and counted by Association Voting

391 election ballots were received via email

14 election ballots were received via U.S. Mail

Election Results

First Congressional District - Jamesena (Jamie) Moore, Laura Munöz

Second Congressional District - Ben Gray, Jacquelyn Morrison

Third Congressional District - William (Bob) Wickersham, Dee Adams

Motion to approve the certified report from Association Voting

Motion by: M. MOORE

Second by: LEVY

Yeas: CHARLSEN, CLEMENT, FLOWERDAY, GOODMAN, GRAY, HADLEY, HERINK, LEVY, J. MOORE, M. MOORE, WALTER, WICKERSHAM, WINE

Nays: NONE

Motion adopted

Marilyn Moore reported the slate of officers for the year 2024 selected by the Nominating Committee.

- President** - Sean Flowerday
- First Vice President** - Rich Herink
- Second Vice President** - Ben Gray
- Treasurer** - Chandra Diaz

Motion to approve this slate of officers

Motion by: M. MOORE

Second by: GOODMAN

Yeas: CHARLSEN, CLEMENT, FLOWERDAY, GOODMAN, GRAY, HADLEY, HERINK, LEVY, J. MOORE, M. MOORE, WALTER, WICKERSHAM, WINE

Nays: NONE

Motion adopted

Marilyn Moore explained the significance of becoming an Emeritus Trustee. To be considered the person must have honorably completed his term as a Trustee, and requested the status in writing, and upon approval of the Board of Trustees in office, be granted the title.

The following past Board of Trustees members have requested the title.

Cherie Bean-Callaway	Lance Bristol	Spencer Davis	Kim Elder
Katherine Endacott	Senator John Nelson	Vickie Schaepler	Connie
Spellman Eileen Worth	Bryan Zimmer		

Motion to approve the Emeritus Trustee status to the members listed

Motion by: M. MOORE

Second by: GOODMAN

Yeas: CHARLSEN, CLEMENT, FLOWERDAY, GOODMAN, GRAY, HADLEY, HERINK, LEVY, J. MOORE, M. MOORE, WALTER, WICKERSHAM, WINE

Nays: NONE

Motion adopted

Break

Time Out: 10:50 AM

Time In: 11:02 AM

Heritage Heroes

Marilyn Moore reported that all but three award presentations for this year have been done. Marilyn recently made an award presentation in Clay Center. Arlan and Bob presented an award in Sidney. In the coming weeks, Bob will be traveling to Wayne for an award presentation. Bob Wickersham has volunteered to coordinate the Heritage Heroes program going forward.

Deaccessions

Motion to approve the deaccession list that we have received with the caveat that going forward the Board will receive the deaccession list ten days prior to the Board Meeting.

Motion by: GRAY

Second by: GOODMAN

Yeas: CHARLSEN, CLEMENT, FLOWERDAY, GOODMAN, GRAY, HADLEY, LEVY, J. MOORE, M. MOORE, WALTER, WICKERSHAM, WINE

Nays: HERINK

Motion adopted

New Fee Structure

Motion that we approve the new fee structure as proposed and the memo dated August 3, 2023

Motion by: WICKERSHAM

Second by: WALTER

Yeas: CHARLSEN, CLEMENT, FLOWERDAY, GOODMAN, GRAY, HADLEY, HERINK, LEVY, J. MOORE, M. MOORE, WALTER, WICKERSHAM, WINE

Nays: NONE

Motion adopted

Personnel Committee

Sean Flowerday distributed by email the board self-evaluation and requested that they be returned to him no later than October 23, 2023. The results will be discussed at the January 2024 Board Meeting.

Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2024 Board Meetings

- January 12, 2024 - Lincoln
- April 12, 2024 - Kearney
- July 12, 2024 - Hastings (TBD)
- October 10, 2024 - Annual Meeting - Omaha
- October 11, 2024 - Omaha

Motion to approve the meeting schedule as presented

Motion by: GOODMAN

Second by: GRAY

Yeas: CHARLSEN, CLEMENT, FLOWERDAY, GOODMAN, GRAY, HADLEY, HERINK, LEVY, J. MOORE,
M. MOORE, WALTER, WICKERSHAM, WINE

Nays: NONE

Motion adopted

President's Report

President Moore provided an update from the collaboration committee comprising of three members each from the History Nebraska Board of Trustees and the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation. The committee met on August 17, and September 14 and will meet on November 16. Discussions have focused on communication, interactions, finances, and resolution of ongoing issues. The goal is to draft a Memorandum of Agreement which would be legally binding.

Motion to take the board into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion by: M. MOORE

Second by: GRAY

Yeas: CHARLSEN, CLEMENT, FLOWERDAY, GOODMAN, GRAY, HADLEY, HERINK, LEVY, J. MOORE,
M. MOORE, WALTER, WICKERSHAM, WINE

Nays: NONE

Motion adopted - **TIME IN:** 11:58 AM

Motion to take the board out of Executive Session

Motion by: GOODMAN

Second by: GRAY

Yeas: CHARLSEN, CLEMENT, FLOWERDAY, GOODMAN, GRAY, HADLEY, HERINK, LEVY, J. MOORE,
M. MOORE, WALTER, WICKERSHAM, WINE

Nays: NONE

Motion adopted - **TIME OUT:** 1:04 PM

Motion to accept the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation's recommendation to add an additional member to the Executive Director Search Committee, Dawn Rockey

Motion by: WALTER

Second by: WICKERSHAM

Yeas: CHARLSEN, CLEMENT, FLOWERDAY, GOODMAN, GRAY, HADLEY, HERINK, LEVY, J. MOORE, M. MOORE, WALTER, WICKERSHAM, WINE

Nays: NONE

Motion adopted

Motion to adjourn

Motion by: GOODMAN

Second by: GRAY

Yeas: CHARLSEN, CLEMENT, FLOWERDAY, GOODMAN, GRAY, HADLEY, HERINK, LEVY, J. MOORE, M. MOORE, WALTER, WICKERSHAM, WINE

Nays: NONE

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM

Submitted by:

Jill Dolberg, Interim Director

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

January 29, 2024