



**History Nebraska Board of Trustees Meeting  
April 12, 2024 - 9:00 am**

**ESU 10 (Educational Service Unit)  
76 Plaza Blvd  
Kearney, Nebraska 68848**

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**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Sean Flowerday, President of the History Nebraska Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

**Roll Call**

PRESENT - Dee Adams, Jack Berg, Jessica Charlsen, Sean Flowerday, Ben Gray, Rich Herink, Jamesena Moore, Jacquelyn Morrison, Nicholas Walter, Arlan Wine

ABSENT - Chandra Diaz, Laura Muñoz, Bob Wickersham

TARDY - Phil Clement (9:27 am), David Levy (9:14 am)

**Certification of Publication - Notification of Open Meetings Act**

The legal notice required by state statute was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on April 4, 2024, and the Kearney Hub on April 4, 2024. The meeting complies 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 Flowerday invited meeting guests to introduce themselves. Cindy Drake and Roger Lempke, President of the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation, were in attendance.

**History Nebraska Mission**

The History Nebraska mission was read aloud by President Flowerday.

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

Cindy Drake asked and was granted permission to speak during the Deaccessions portion of the meeting since her questions were specific to these items.

## **Approval of the Minutes from the January 29, 2024, Board Meeting**

### Motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 29, 2024

Motion: WALTER

Second: MOORE

Yeas: ADAMS, BERG, CHARLSEN, FLOWERDAY, HERINK, MOORE, WALTER, WINE

Nays: NONE

Abstain: GRAY, MORRISON

Motion adopted

### **History Nebraska Foundation Report**

No one from the History Nebraska Foundation was present, and no report was provided.

### **Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation Report**

Roger Lempke, President of the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation, reported on behalf of Leslie Fattig, Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation Executive Director, who was absent. See Addendum A

### **History Nebraska Interim Director's Report**

Interim Executive Director Jill Dolberg provided a quarterly update. The board discussed training staff on how to best approach and gain the trust of trauma-informed marginalized groups in hopes of gathering their stories and receiving artifacts for our archives and exhibits. An ad-hoc committee will be formed to research and develop ideas and strategies (Levy and Gray).

### **Finance Committee**

#### Motion to approve the January Treasurer's Report

Motion: MOORE

Second: GRAY

Yeas: ADAMS, BERG, CHARLSEN, CLEMENT, FLOWERDAY, GRAY, HERINK, LEVY, MOORE, MORRISON, WALTER, WINE

Nays: NONE

Motion adopted

### **Capitol Store**

The Capitol Commission has suggested that we reopen the History Nebraska store in the Nebraska Capitol, which closed during the pandemic; however, no formal request has been made. Board discussion ensued.

Motion for the History Nebraska staff to develop a plan as to how to fund and execute the reopening of the Capitol Store and report back to the board at the July meeting.

Motion: LEVY

Second: MORRISON

Yeas: ADAMS, BERG, CHARLSEN, CLEMENT, FLOWERDAY, GRAY, HERINK, LEVY, MOORE, MORRISON, WALTER, WINE

Nays: NONE

Motion adopted

## **BREAK**

Out: 10:20 am

In: 10:32 am

## **Statewide Educational Programming Presentation**

(Araceli Hernandez, Digital Outreach Educator)

The History Nebraska Education Team is dedicated to combining fascinating Nebraska artifacts, exhibits, and stories and presenting them with curiosity to engage interest in history. The first virtual field trip was launched in the spring of 2021. In the 2022-2023 school year, we reached 6,119 learners. As of the end of March 2024, we have reached 5,229 learners.

## **Museums for All**

The Museums for All program is a national initiative through the Institute for Museum and Library Services that aims to remove barriers to museum attendance and create lifelong museum attendance habits. All participating museums have agreed to reduce or eliminate their admission fees. History Nebraska proposes fees of \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Verification is accomplished by matching their benefits card with an ID. Board discussion ensued. The board suggested we research the model the Kiewit Luminarium Museum in Omaha runs.

Motion to authorize the steps to join Museums for All and return to the July meeting with data and a model for our museum admissions after contacting the Kiewit Luminarium Museum.

Motion: LEVY

Second: CHARLSEN

Yeas: ADAMS, BERG, CHARLSEN, CLEMENT, FLOWERDAY, GRAY, HERINK, LEVY, MOORE, MORRISON, WALTER, WINE

Nays: NONE

Motion adopted

## **Deaccessions**

Cindy Drake voiced her concerns regarding the deaccessioning process.

Motion to approve the deaccession list

Motion: WALTER

Second: MOORE

Yeas: ADAMS, BERG, CHARLSEN, CLEMENT, FLOWERDAY, GRAY, HERINK, LEVY, MOORE, MORRISON, WALTER, WINE

Nays: NONE

Motion adopted

## **Discussion of LB1169**

The board resolved to try to move forward with the state during the transition.

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn

Motion: WALTER

Second: LEVY

Yeas: ADAMS, BERG, CHARLSEN, CLEMENT, FLOWERDAY, HERINK, LEVY, MOORE, MORRISON, WALTER, WINE

Nays: NONE

Absent: GRAY

Motion adopted

## **Meeting Adjourned at 11:48 AM**

Minutes submitted by:

Jill Dolberg, Secretary

History Nebraska

Approved by:  
History Nebraska Board of Trustees  
July 12, 2024

Addendum A -

NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION  
APRIL 2024 REPORT TO THE HISTORY NEBRASKA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## Support of Education Initiatives

The Executive Committee approved a total of \$11,935 for educational programs at the Nebraska History Museum:

- \$3,575 which supports the basic, enhanced and “dream” versions which were presented initially for three children’s summer workshop programs –
  - o Play Unplugged: Going for the Gold,
  - o Digging Into the Past: Kids in history and
  - o Mystery in the Museum: Historic Markers
- \$560 for summer advertising on the Macaroni kid website
- \$300 for “basic” level support of the Teacher Appreciation supplies and promotion items.
- \$1,000 for the “dream” level for Read Along Supplies (for books and school library support)
- \$1,000 for one FREE day of admission per quarter at the Nebraska History Museum
- \$2,500 for one FREE admission day for ALL of the HN sites.

## Bus Tours with Dr. Sara Crook (former HN Board Member)

The inaugural “A Day in the City” tour takes place May 2nd in Nebraska City and registration is required. The itinerary includes these stops and more:

- The Old Freighters Museum
- Kregel Windmill Factory
- Civil War Veterans Museum
- The Memorial Building
- Arbor Lodge State Park
- Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Center
- Program on Nebraska history by Dan Holtz - Humanities Nebraska speaker

Lunch and dinner are provided, and the cost is \$200 including admission and entertainment fees. The deadline for reservations is April 20th.

A 4-day tour directed by Dr. Crook is entitled “Sara’s History, Wine & Brew Tour” and takes place July 23rd-26th. This group will travel to St. Paul, Ord, Broken Bow, Dunning, Valentine, North Platte, Cozad, and many other cities across Nebraska to experience the wineries, breweries, and museums in these towns.

## WanderNebraska 2024

Happy to report that ALL of the HN sites have signed up to participate in Wander Nebraska 2024. There are among 193 museums, historical societies, libraries and Game and Parks

sites to participate this year. Thank you for your support! If you would like to pre-order a booklet please go to our website.

#### Cattlemen's Ball

Please visit us in the History Tent at the Cattlemen's Ball this year. On June 7th & 8th Scott & Kristin Schiff will host the 2024 Cattlemen's Ball in Scotts Bluff County, near Minatare, Nebraska. Also that weekend, the Japanese Hall at Legacy of the Plains Museum will be dedicated thanks to the efforts of former HN board member Vickie Schaepler.

#### Annual Meeting – 2024

The Foundation's 82nd annual meeting will be held in Grand Island on Friday, August 17 and Saturday, August 17. We hope you will be able to join us for the welcome reception at the Stuhr Museum on Friday evening. Various tours will be offered on Saturday morning; the annual meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon.

#### Fourth Quarter Grant Cycle –

Jill and Michelle, please remember that the grant cycle will be open for grant requests next from June 1 to June 7.