



## National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers

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### NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting Washington, D.C. January 29, 2009

#### **Participants:**

Jay D. Vogt, President; Cathie Matthews, Vice-President; Ruth Pierpont, Secretary; Elizabeth Hughes, Treasurer; Wayne Donaldson, Member; Nancy Schamu, Executive Director; Elizabeth Belleville, Government Relations Director; Kristen Harbeson, State Services Director, NCSHPO. Member not present: Edward Sanderson, Immediate Past President, F. Lawrence Oaks, Member.

#### **Partner Participants:**

John Fowler, Executive Director; Reid Nelson, Director of the Office of Federal Agency Programs Advisory Council on Historic Preservation David Brown, Vice President National Trust for Historic Preservation.

#### **Call to Order**

President Jay D. Vogt called the meeting to order at 9:15am

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Cathie Matthews moved, Ruth Pierpont seconded and the Executive Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the November 17, 2008, conference call

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Elizabeth Hughes reviewed the preliminary balance sheet and financial statement from December 31, 2008. After brief discussion, Wayne Donaldson moved, Cathie Matthews seconded and the Executive Committee unanimously accepted the Treasurer's Report.

#### **President's Report**

Jay Vogt briefly reported on the "Blue Ribbon Panel" and the National Academy of Public Administration Performance Measures Task Force. Both panels have "concluded" their work. The Blue Ribbon panel, formed in response to a recommendation from the Preserve America Summit, has completed an executive summary and will be meeting by conference call to work on the final report. The performance measures panel has completed their recommendations. Nancy Schamu suggested the creation of a task force, with Michael Stevens as chair, to continue to work closely with the National Park Service in the next steps. Jay Vogt authorized her to take those steps. John Fowler added that the recommendations of the "Blue Ribbon" panel will be on the agenda for the Advisory Council's February meeting.

#### **Advisory Council on Historic Preservation**

John Fowler formally introduced Reid Nelson as the new Director of the Office of Federal Agency Programs, replacing Don Klima. They discussed the interactions between the SHPOs and the ACHP, and how the relationship could be strengthened, including improved and

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expanded training schedules. The Executive Committee and the ACHP staff agreed that SHPOs should be regularly surveyed by NCSHPO to monitor the on-the-ground communication between SHPO offices and the ACHP.

*Meeting recessed at 11:15. Reconvened at 11:30 without partner organizations.*

### **Executive Director's Report**

Nancy Schamu reported on the progress of dues received for 2009. Economic downturn and budget crises in States will likely have an impact on some states' ability to pay, which is a cause for concern but not alarm. NCSHPO staff will be contacting all States that have not paid prior to the Annual Meeting. She briefly discussed the 2009 work plan, which will be adjusted to include an annual assessment of the ACHP by the SHPOs. At Wayne Donaldson's suggestion, the "LEED task force" will be renamed the "Sustainability Task Force."

### **Legislative Update**

Elizabeth Belleville provided a legislative update by reporting on preservation provisions in the Senate's Economic Recovery package, and on her activities with House and Senate staff.

### **Branding Historic Preservation**

David Brown, Vice President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, discussed with the Executive Committee the presentation on branding given by NTHP Board President, Cliff Hudson, at their October conference. They discussed the possibility of all preservation organizations using the same tag-line: "historic preservation helps people protect, enhance and enjoy the places that matter to them."

*Meeting recessed at 1:10pm. Reconvened at 1:25pm without partner organizations*

### **Legislative Update – Continued**

Elizabeth Belleville continued her legislative update with a discussion about the presumed schedule for the House Appropriations package and the 2010 budget. The NCSHPO ask will remain \$50 million plus \$5 million for inventory.

NCSHPO legislative priorities will be:

- 1) Appropriations
- 2) Permanent funding for the Historic Preservation Fund
- 3) Changing law to allow for permanent funding for a preservation disaster fund.
- 4) Historic Homeowner Tax Credit.

Advocacy Day priorities will be:

- 1) Historic Preservation Fund
- 2) Rehab tax credit improvements
- 3) Historic Preservation Caucus

Elizabeth Belleville also reviewed the Partners Sustainability Agenda and other potential bills which affect preservation, including the TEA-4 Transportation Bill, Preserve America/Save

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America's Treasures Authorization and the Community Regeneration Sustainability and Innovation Act.

### **Administration Update**

Nancy Schamu provided a brief update on NCSHPO interactions with the Obama transition team and the incoming Administration.

### **Meeting Update**

Kristen Harbeson briefed the Executive Committee on the progress and some of the changes to the schedule of the Annual Meeting and Advocacy Day in March. The Executive Committee briefly discussed the schedule of upcoming Board Meetings in the face of State budget crises, and determined to continue holding in-person Board Meetings in 2009. Kristen Harbeson will follow through in the planning of the July Board Meeting.

### **Appointing Nominating Committee**

Jay Vogt appointed himself as chair of the Nominating Committee, with Cathie Matthews, Larry Oaks and Ted Sanderson serving as Committee members.

### **Executive Session**

### **Adjourn**

President Vogt adjourned the meeting at 3:50.

Kristen Harbeson, State Services Director, for Ruth Pierpont, Secretary