

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS  
Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee conference call  
April 20, 2009

**Participants:**

Ruth Pierpont, President; Cathie Matthews, Secretary; Michael Stevens, Treasurer; Jay Vogt, Immediate Past President; F. Lawrence Oaks, Member; Jean Cutler, James Glass, L. Robert Puschendorf, Timothy Slavin, Directors; Nancy Schamu, Executive Director; Elizabeth Belleville, Government Relations Director; Kristen Harbeson, State Services Director, NCSHPO. Members not present: Elizabeth Hughes, Vice-President; M. Wayne Donaldson, Member.

**Call to Order**

President Ruth Pierpont called the meeting to order at 2:31pm EDT

**Approval of Minutes**

Jay Vogt moved, Cathie Matthews seconded, and the Executive Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the January 29, 2009, Executive Committee meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Michael Stevens presented the February, 2009 financial statements as prepared by Sharon Smith, Business Manager, without comments. Cathie Matthews moved, Jay Vogt seconded and the Executive Committee unanimously accepted the Treasurer's Report.

**President's Report**

Ruth Pierpont briefly reported on recent activities, including her visit to Washington, D.C. at the beginning of April to sit on the jury for the Preserve America Presidential Awards. Federal partners, including the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation, are still waiting for indications of what support for preservation activities can be expected from the Obama White House. Her visit to Washington also included visits with Elizabeth Belleville to House committees staff.

**Legislative Update**

Elizabeth Belleville provided a legislative update by reporting on activities since Advocacy Day: the Dear Colleague letter to the the House Appropriations, technical correction to the Rehabilitation Tax Bill spearheaded by the Rehabilitation Tax Coalition and another tax bill for homeowners championed by Representative Russ Carnahan. Additional legislation includes "Green" incentives package (HR 1778) sponsored by Representative Peter Welsh. Ms. Belleville also reported on her visits with Ruth Pierpont to Capitol Hill staff.

### **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act**

Executive Director Nancy Schamu reported on the Conference's activities coordinating with the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions and the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers to prepare for anticipated increase in Section 106 activity at State offices. Director Bob Puschendorf proposed working with the Advisory Council to create a sample Programmatic Agreement with the Energy Department for weatherization projects.

### **NCSHPO Strategic Plan**

Nancy Schamu reported for Vice-President Elizabeth Hughes on plans to hold a strategic planning session at the 2009 Fall Board of Directors Meeting, with a conversation at the May Executive Committee conference call to determine the scope and scale of the plan.

### **Meetings Update**

State Services Director Kristen Harbeson reported briefly on the 2009 Annual Meeting and plans for the 2010 Annual Meeting to be held at the Mayflower Hotel in conjunction with the National Historic Tax Credit Conference, May 1-5, 2010. Executive Committee Member Larry Oaks briefed the Committee on plans for the July 2009 Board Meeting to be held July 8-12, 2009. In May, the Executive Committee will review options for the Fall Board of Directors meeting

### **Adjourn**

Ruth Pierpont adjourned the meeting at 3:29pm EDT

Kristen Harbeson for Cathie Matthews, Secretary.