

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS
Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee conference call
May 18, 2009

Participants:

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

Call to Order

President Ruth Pierpont called the meeting to order at 3:30pm EDT.

Approval of Minutes

Jay Vogt moved, Cathie Matthews seconded, and the Executive Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the April 20, 2009, Executive Committee meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Michael Stevens presented the April 2009 financial statements as prepared by Sharon Smith, Business Manager. As of April 30, the organization has received 78% of its anticipated income, with spending on track. Executive Director, Nancy Schamu, provided an update on the status of State dues. Wayne Donaldson moved, Cathie Matthews 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., for the quarterly meeting of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. During the meeting, ACHP Chairman John Nau requested ACHP Executive Director John Fowler to contact governors to request that they not cut SHPO staff as a result of their budget shortfalls. Her visit to Washington also included visits with Elizabeth Belleville and Nancy Schamu to key Congressional staff.

Legislative Update

Elizabeth Belleville briefed the Committee on recent legislative activities, including an increase in the President's Budget for SHPOs to \$46.5 million and THPOs to \$8 million, with level funding for Save America's Treasures and sufficient funds to Preserve America to honor the 2009 Preserve America Grant Awards. NCSHPO submitted testimony to the Senate Appropriations Committee, and are asking SHPOs to ask their Senators to sign on to the Senate Letter supporting the President's Budget numbers. Kristen Harbeson attended a House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee meeting on the National Park Service budget requests.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

The Executive Director reported on the coordination of efforts among the preservation partners with regards to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and Section 106 reviews.

NCSHPO Strategic Plan

Elizabeth Hughes suggested discussing the process and focus for strategic planning at the July Board meeting, and use inexpensive electronic tools to survey members and stakeholders before the actual strategic planning session at the fall Board Meeting.

Meetings Update

The State Services Director reported briefly on plans for 2009 Board Meetings. The Executive Committee agreed to hold the Fall Board Meeting in conjunction with the National Trust For Historic Preservation Meeting in Nashville. Kristen Harbeson will coordinate with Tennessee SHPO Patrick McIntyre and NTHP Conference Staff to plan this meeting.

Adjourn

Ruth Pierpont adjourned the meeting at 4:19pm EDT

Kristen Harbeson for Cathie Matthews, Secretary.