

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS
Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee conference call
September 21, 2009

Participants:

Ruth Pierpont, President; Elizabeth Hughes, Vice President, Cathie Matthews, Secretary; Michael Stevens, Treasurer; Jim Glass, Director; Nancy Schamu, Executive Director; Elizabeth Belleville, Government Relations Director; Kristen Harbeson, State Services Director, NCSHPO. Members not present: Jay Vogt, Immediate Past President; Wayne Donaldson, Member

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

Elizabeth Hughes moved, Michael Stevens seconded, and the Executive Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the August 24, 2009 Executive Committee meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Vice President presented the August 2009 financial statements as prepared by Sharon Smith, Business Manager. He briefly reported that the organization was on budget. Cathie Matthews moved, Elizabeth Hughes seconded and the Executive Committee accepted the Treasurer's Report

President's Report

The President reported on her meeting with Will Shafroth, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Fish and Wildlife to discuss the "perfect storm" of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds bringing an influx of Section 106 reviews to SHPO staffs, whose budgets and staffing levels are being cut due to State budget deficits. Also present were the NCSHPO Government Relations Director and the Executive Directors of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers. NCSHPO and its partner organizations put in an initial request for \$5 million for additional SHPO staff, \$5 million for training from other Federal Agencies, \$5 million for additional THPO staff, and \$500,000 for additional ACHP staff.

Legislative Update

Elizabeth Belleville briefed the Committee on recent legislative activities, including the introduction by Senator Nick Rahall (D-WV) of the Consolidated Land Energy and Aquatic Resources (CLEAR) Act, which includes a provision for full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. She briefly discussed NCSHPOs efforts to ask Sen, Rahall to include a similar provision for the Historic Preservation Fund, and the creation of a grassroots campaign to press for full funding of the Historic Preservation Fund.

Elizabeth Belleville also reported on the status of the Appropriations Bill, which is anticipated to pass with funding for the Historic Preservation Fund at \$46.5 million for SHPOs. Two Tax Bills (Historic Homeowners Assistance Act and the Community Restoration and Revitalization Act) are likely to be introduced on October 1st.

NCSHPO Strategic Plan

Elizabeth Hughes briefly updated the committee on the status of the preparation for the strategic planning, which is progressing according to schedule.

Adjourn

Elizabeth Hughes adjourned the meeting at 3:00 EST

Kristen Harbeson for Cathie Matthews, Secretary.