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## National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers

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### NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS Minutes of the Executive Committee Conference Call November 17, 2008

#### Participants:

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

#### Call to Order

President Jay D. Vogt called the meeting to order at 2:32pm EST.

#### Minutes

Cathie Matthews moved, M. Wayne Donaldson seconded and the Executive Committee approved the minutes of Executive Committee conference call held on September 15, 2008.

#### Treasurers Report

The Executive Director reviewed the financial statements through October 31, 2008, calling special attention to revenue from the partnership from IPED for the National Historic Tax Credit Conference. The Committee raised no questions. Wayne Donaldson moved, Cathie Matthews seconded and the Executive Committee approved the Treasurer's Report.

#### Legislative Update

Elizabeth Belleville discussed the outlook for the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress results of the November 4<sup>th</sup> election, reporting in increased Democratic majority in both the House and the Senate. Most Democratic leadership roles will be the same, with a few exceptions, including the Chair of the House Energy & Commerce Committee, which will oversee climate change legislation pivotal to our sustainability agenda for the next Congress, and full Appropriations committee. Current action in the House and the Senate during the lame duck session is focusing on the economic downturn. Other bills, including the PA/SAT Authorization, are likely to be tabled until January when they will have to be reintroduced to the next Congress.

Preservation Partners met at the end of October to create a joint agenda on sustainability, which was been send to the Executive Committee prior to the call.

### Blue Ribbon Panel

Jay Vogt reported that the Blue Ribbon Panel has been considering recommending the creation of a White House level council for historic preservation similar to that directing environmental quality, although there is no unanimity on this possibility within the panel. The panel will meet again in the first week of December in hopes to complete their recommendation document by the time the next Administration takes office in January.

### NAPA Performance Measures

Jay Vogt and Ruth Pierpont reported on the progress of the National Academy of Public Administration performance measures initiative. Although the task force progresses slowly, they hope to have project completed before the next Administration takes office in January. There is potential for successful performance measures to allow the States to boost their Historic Preservation Fund allocation amounts.

### National Park Service Programmatic Agreement

Jay Vogt and Nancy Schamu reported that although the NPS PA was signed at the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation meeting on November 14. Jay Vogt expressed gratitude for the hard work of Alaska SHPO Judy Bittner, who served as task force chair.

### 2009 Work Plan

NCSHPO staff has drafted their 2009 work plan which will be sent to the board on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> to be approved at the December board meeting.

### Upcoming Meeting Update

Kristen Harbeson provided a brief report on upcoming NCSHPO meetings:

- Board Meeting - December 6-9, 2008 - Little Rock, Arkansas
- 2009 Annual Meeting - March 8-11, Washington, D.C.
- 2010 Annual Meeting/Historic Tax Credit Conference - March, Washington D.C.

Kristen Harbeson also reported that the American Association of Museums has invited the NCSHPO to be listed as a supporter for their Lobby Day in February, 2009. The Executive Committee approved this proposal.

### Draft Budget and Dues for 2009

The Committee went into executive session with the Executive Director to review the draft budget for 2009 as distributed. The Committee discussed the proposed changes including salary adjustments and changes to the financial relationship with Preservation Action (prepare the weekly update in-house, increase the annual contribution and forgive the 2008 Annual Meeting debt). The Committee reached consensus with the draft budget and dues structure for presentation at the December 2008 Board of Directors meeting.

### Adjournment

Jay Vogt adjourned the meeting at 3:40pm EST

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

Draft of November 21, 2008