



FOR THE RECORD

Minutes of the OHS Quarterly Board Meeting *April 19-20, 2001*

President Jack Haley called to order the quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society at 9:00 A.M., Thursday, April 19, 2001, in the Tahoe Room of the Holiday Inn Select, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Members present: Grace Boulton, Bill Corbett, Mary Duffe, LeRoy Fischer, Denzil Garrison, Aulena Gibson, Bill Gustafson, Jack Haley, Louise James, Daniel Keating, Marvin Kroeker, Dan Lawrence, Guy Logsdon, Paul Matthews, Ruth Eager Moran, Ken Rainbolt, Dee Ann Ray, Sally Soelle, Emmy Stidham, Frances Stiles, Barbara Thompson, Alvin Turner, and Allen Wright. Members absent: Eddie Faye Gates and Leonard Logan.

Minutes of the January 24 meeting were approved as amended.

Aulena Gibson, treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Gibson explained the need to consolidate individual accounts in the private 1350B fund to existing accounts. Changes are necessary in order to remove accounts that are inactive or that have already served their purposes. Each account is less than \$500. Alvin Turner moved to consolidate the private accounts in the 1350B fund. LeRoy Fischer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bob Blackburn reported on administrative practices in the finance division. A new relational database has been acquired, which will eliminate hand posting. Mark Adkinson is responsible for special projects and grants administration. The fixed asset inventory is current. A new policy for handling cash and checks has been implemented, which insures certain functions are checked before money passes from a division to the finance office. A credit card system is being considered, especially for field sites and museums, and plans are to begin a pilot program in July.

Bob Blackburn reported that the Long-Range Plan, formerly the Five-Year Plan, was first presented to the full Board in January. No additional changes were received from staff or Board members in the interim. Guy Logsdon moved to adopt the Long-Range Plan as presented. Several members seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bob Blackburn stated that the summary of One-Year Goals and Objectives included in the packets were for review only at this time. The One-Year Goals and Objectives will be on the agenda for adoption in July.

Regarding the OHS museums and sites centennial process, Robert Thomas, Kathy Dickson, Bill Lees, Darrell Covington, and other staff as needed conducted a public meeting at each museum and site. Suggestions from the meetings were consolidated, and plans were developed for each museum and site. A second meeting at each museum and site is being scheduled for the purpose of presenting those plans.

Bob Blackburn referred to the agency's current chain of command organizational chart and stated that it was not an efficient system. He reviewed a future chain of command chart and noted that five top unclassified positions would be needed; the executive director, deputy director, deputy SHPO director, director of development/special projects, and director of the State Museum of History. He explained the function of each. Following a lengthy discussion, Dan Lawrence moved to approve the future chain of command concept as outlined by Bob Blackburn. Bill Corbett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

THE CHRONICLES OF OKLAHOMA

Bob Blackburn reported that Neal McCaleb, secretary of transportation, was taking a position in Washington, D.C. Mr. McCaleb agreed to help with the configuration of traffic at Twenty-third and Laird. The estimate for the work was \$580,000. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) will pay 90 percent and the city will pay 10 percent. To extend the Red River Journey into northeastern Oklahoma and add an oil patch to the outdoor exhibit area will require \$600,000. To help raise the \$600,000, Mike Smith, cabinet secretary of energy, donated \$25,000 from his budget and agreed to sign letters that will go out to individual oil companies and oil people around the state. Lou Kerr knows several people who might contribute. Mr. McCaleb was asked for \$300,000 in TEA-21 money, which is a dollar-for-dollar match, and he agreed to initiate the request before he leaves office. The governor offered to help also.

Robert Thomas reported that the hardscape contractor continues to finalize his portion of the contract and should be finished by the end of April. The landscape contractor has installed the irrigation system and should begin to install trees and shrubbery next week and should be finished with sodding the following week. Tentatively a ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for May 15, which will depend upon the governor's schedule. Total funds expended on the Red River project to date are \$430,000.

Robert Thomas reported that three coordination meetings had been held with the exhibit designer; four meetings had been held with special consultants regarding graphics, security, acoustics, and the audio/visual; a meeting with a local neighborhood association to present the most recent site and building plans; two meetings with the ODOT secretary to coordinate and request highway funds to help pay for the widening and signalization of Twenty-third Street; a presentation meeting to the First Lady on the progress of the landscaping and other site development; and a meeting with the Capitol-Medical Improvement and Zoning Commission to update them on the site development. The 95-percent complete documents from the architect have been delivered to Mr. Thomas. The architect's schedule for the bidding phase is as follows: May 7, 2001 – present finished plans ready for the approval process by Department of Central Services (DCS), the Health Department, the Fire Marshal's Office, and the OHS; June 7, 2001 – print the documents and advertise for bids; July 10, 2001 – open bids; July 25, 2001 – approval by OHS Board and execute contract; July 27, 2001 – DCS issues work order to the contractor. The architect's billing estimate and budget is still intact at \$30.5 million.

Bob Blackburn reported that there was no news on the \$14 million.

Aulena Gibson reported that the first fundraiser, Deep Deuce in Oklahoma City, generated \$45,160.83. The next event will be in Waynoka and the Harvey House era will be recreated.

Sandra Stratton reported on the fund-raising program. She presented a document from the Oklahoma City Community Foundation proposing the formation of the Oklahoma History Center Affiliated Fund, which would be a separately incorporated, nonprofit organization with its own certificate of incorporation, by-laws and trustees. It would be organized as a 509(a)(3) supporting organization of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. A majority of the trustees would be appointed by the Community Foundation and the remaining trustees of the fund would be appointed by the Oklahoma Historical Society or groups which it names. The Foundation charges an annual fee of \$3,000 plus 0.1 percent of the market value above \$1 million for these basic services. This fee includes officers and directors liability insurance coverage for the trustees. The Foundation will work with donors who might consider bequests or planned gifts and help convert assets such as real estate, oil and gas properties, insurance policies, and other assets to charitable use. Funds will be invested in the general investment pool of the Community Foundation until the market value reaches \$3 million or more. The Foundation will acknowledge all contributions to the fund, maintain all donor records, and provide all support necessary for donors to make contributions to the fund. Distribution would be budgeted by the

OHS Board with all other funds as it is now. Allen Wright moved to accept the proposal as presented by Ms. Stratton. Denzil Garrison seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Stratton reported that a two-year grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the Encyclopedia project had been received. The Department of Energy has committed \$25,000 for the outdoor oil exhibit, which will cost \$600,000.

Ms. Gibson encouraged all Board members to contribute, and stated that a plan was needed for Board members for personal giving.

Dan Provo reported briefly on exhibits and collections and stated that a more extensive report would be given on Friday. Mr. Provo gave an update on each gallery and reported that the project was on schedule and the development portion was on budget. A complete set of technical drawings for all components is due July 1.

President Haley stated that because time was running short, committee reports in the packets would serve as updates except for those that required action.

Dee Ann Ray presented the Archives Committee Report and asked that the Board adopt an Operational Policy for the Oral History Program. After discussion of the policy, which Ms. Ray distributed, she moved that the policy be adopted as presented. Denzil Garrison seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Emmy S. Stidham, chair of the Preservation Committee, announced that the Preservation Conference was scheduled for May 17–19 in Enid, Oklahoma.

Bill Corbett, chair of the Sites Committee, reported that road signs were ready for the Honey Springs Battlefield. Signs for the six different trails are being completed. All signs should be in place by July 15. Sometime during July there will be a dedication of the portion of the park that is available to the public.

Lewis Stiles, chair of the Indian Heritage Committee, reported that the Partnership of "The Cheyenne Heritage Trail" won the 2001 National Park Foundation's National Park Partnership Award for the historic preservation category, which includes \$5,000 for the partnership. Project partners were OHS employees Bob Rea from Fort Supply Historic Site, Mary Jane Warde in the Archives Division, and OHS Board member Louis James from the Plains Indians and Pioneers Museum. A two-day driving tour of western Oklahoma was developed to take visitors to sites significant in Cheyenne history.

Paul Matthews, chair of the Membership Committee, moved that C. Hubert Gragg of Newcastle, Oklahoma, be accepted as a life member in the OHS. LeRoy Fischer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Guy Logsdon, chair of the State Museum of History Committee, stated that a 1952 Studebaker had been donated and would be a part of the exhibits. He asked that the following two items be deaccessioned: a square piano with no value, which had never been accessioned, and a set of prints that has nothing to do with Oklahoma, which the owner wants back. Mr. Logsdon moved "that the piano and set of prints be deaccessioned." Marvin Kroeker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board at this time, the meeting recessed until Friday, April 20, 2001, at 2:30 P.M.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors reconvened on Friday, April 20, 2001, at 2:30 P.M. by President Jack Haley.

The following members were present: Bill Corbett, Mary Duffe, LeRoy Fischer, Denzil Garrison, Aulena Gibson, Bill Gustafson, Jack Haley, Daniel Keating, Marvin Kroeker, Dan Lawrence, Leonard Logan, Guy Logsdon, Paul Matthews, Ruth Eager Moran, Bill Pennington, Sally Soelle, Emmy S. Stidham, Barbara Thompson, Alvin Turner, and Allen Wright. Members excused: Louise James and Ken Rainbolt. Members absent: Danna Pippin and Clyde A. Wheeler. OHS staff present: Bob L. Blackburn, Robert L. Thomas, Sandra Stratton, and Dan Provo.

President Haley announced the following committee assignments:

Archives Committee: Allen Wright, chair, LeRoy Fischer, Clyde Wheeler, and Bill Pennington. Bill Gustafson moved to approve the Archives Committee assignments. Bill Corbett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

THE CHRONICLES OF OKLAHOMA

Education and Special Projects Committee: No change.

Executive Committee: No change.

Historic Preservation Committee: No change

Library Committee: No change.

Publications Committee: Alvin Turner, chair, Mary Duffe, LeRoy Fischer, Paul Matthews, and Sally Soelle. Guy Logsdon moved the approval of the assignments to the Publications Committee. Several members seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting/Awards Committee: Sally Soelle, chair, Marvin Kroeker, Frances Stiles, Alvin Turner, and Ken Rainbolt. Guy Logsdon moved the approval of assignments to the Annual Meeting/Awards Committee. Several members seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Black Heritage Committee: Mary Duffe, chair, Bruce Fisher, and Ruby Hall, ex-officio. Guy Logsdon moved approval of assignments to the Black Heritage Committee. Several members seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Budget and Endowment Committee: Aulena Gibson, chair, Daniel Keating, Bill Gustafson, and Allen Wright. Guy Logsdon moved approval of assignments to the Budget and Endowment Committee. Several members seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee: Bill Corbett, chair, LeRoy Fischer, Jack Haley, Marvin Kroeker, Guy Logsdon, Ruth Eager Moran, Bill Pennington, and Sally Soelle. Alvin Turner moved approval of assignments to the Nominating Committee. Several members seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Museums Committee: Paul Matthews, chair, Ken Rainbolt, Frances Stiles, and Danna Pippin. Guy Logsdon moved approval of assignments to the Museums Committee. Several members seconded the motion. Motion carried.

State Museum Committee: Guy Logsdon, chair, Daniel Keating, Denzil Garrison, Bill Gustafson, and Marvin Kroeker. Mary Duffe moved approval of assignments to the State Museum Committee. Several members seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Building Committee: No change.

Evaluation Committee: No change.

Indian Heritage Committee: No change.

Legislative Liaison: Denzil Garrison and Leonard Logan.

Membership Committee: No change.

Regarding the site selection for the 2002 Annual Meeting, Bob Blackburn stated there was only one suggestion, Lake Murray State Resort, with Thursday evening activities being in Ardmore. After a discussion pertaining to space requirements and lodging facilities, Denzil Garrison moved approval of Lake Murray State Resort for the 2002 Annual Meeting on April 25-27. LeRoy Fischer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board, President Jack Haley adjourned the meeting at 3:00 P.M.

JACK D. HALEY, PRESIDENT

BOB L. BLACKBURN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Minutes of the OHS
Annual Meeting of the Membership**
April 20, 2001

President Jack Haley called the 2001 Annual Meeting of the Membership to order at 2:00 P.M., Friday, April 20, 2001, at the Holiday Inn Select, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

President Haley announced the following: newly appointed to the Board were Danna Pippin, Daniel Keating, and Clyde A. Wheeler, Jr.; reappointed were Mary Duffe and Paul Matthews; newly elected was William Pennington; and reelected were Guy Logsdon, Marvin Kroeker, and Jack Haley.

District Judge William Whistler administered the oath of office to Board members Daniel Keating, Mary Duffe, Paul Matthews, William Pennington, Guy Logsdon, Marvin Kroeker, and Jack Haley.

Bob Blackburn reported that on the financial front the Oklahoma Historical Society had managed quite well during the last year despite the higher energy costs. The most critical financial issue facing the OHS at this time is the \$14 million needed to complete the History Center. Two years ago, \$32 million was received and the process for the History Center began. A balance of \$23 million remains, which will be used to complete architectural plans for the building within the next month. Dr. Blackburn asked the membership to do whatever they could to help get the \$14 million.

In preparation for the 100th anniversary of Oklahoma, work at all OHS sites and museums is under way to bring each alongside the History Center.

President Haley also urged the membership to contact representatives, senators, and all other elected officials regarding the \$14 million.

There being no further business, President Jack Haley adjourned the meeting at 2:30 P.M.

JACK D. HALEY, PRESIDENT

BOB L. BLACKBURN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BACK COVER Left to right, top row: Lee Wiley (also p. 260) (Courtesy George O. Carney), Wanda Jackson (Courtesy Wanda Jackson); bottom row: Kay Starr (Courtesy Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame, Tulsa, Oklahoma), Patti Page (Courtesy Oklahoma Historical Society), and Becky Hobbs (Photograph by George Wilson, Copyright 1982, The Oklahoma Publishing Company).

FRONT COVER Left to right, Reba McEntire (also p. 260) (Courtesy Starstruck Entertainment), Gail Davies (Courtesy Gail Davies), and Anita Bryant (Courtesy Anita Bryant).