



FOR THE RECORD

Minutes of the OHS Quarterly Board Meeting *October 23, 2002*

President Denzil Garrison called the regular quarterly Board meeting to order at 1:30 P.M., Wednesday, October 23, 2002, in the boardroom of the Wiley Post Historical Building, 2100 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Bob Blackburn called the roll. Members present: Alex Adwan, Jack Baker, Bill Corbett, Mary Duffe, Thalia Eddleman, LeRoy Fischer, Denzil Garrison, Aulena Gibson, Bill Gustafson, James Kemm, Marvin Kroeker, Dan Lawrence, Paul Matthews, Ruth Eager Moran, William Pennington, Ken Rainbolt, Carolyn Renfro, Sally Soelle, Emmy Stidham, and Frances Stiles. Members absent: Jack Haley, Louise James, Daniel Keating, Leonard Logan, and Danna Pippin. Staff present: Bob L. Blackburn, Robert Thomas, Dan Provo, Sandra Stratton, Max Nichols, and Geneva Little. Guests attending were the family of Bruce K. Smith.

Bob Blackburn announced that several cards were received from teachers who were in the Teacher of the Year competition at the State Fair of Oklahoma thanking the Board for the one-year free OHS membership. Board members wishing to receive meeting information by e-mail were asked for their e-mail addresses. Max Nichols, the OHS information officer, is retiring at the end of January. Max began working as the agency's first public relations officer eleven years ago and now averages 400 press releases a year. Dr. Blackburn introduced Max and thanked him for his work in promoting the OHS.

Presentation of Volunteer of the Quarter Award

Bruce Fisher, historical collections specialist in the Development and Special Projects Division, presented the volunteer of the quarter award to the family of Bruce K. Smith. Mr. Smith was a volunteer in the First Kansas Colored Volunteer Infantry for the Battle of Honey Springs Reenactment. While participating in the Honey Springs Reenactment on September 28, Mr. Smith suffered a fatal heart attack.

Approval of Minutes (July 24, 2002)

Marvin Kroeker moved to approve the amended minutes of the July 24, 2002, quarterly Board meeting. Seconded by LeRoy Fischer, the minutes were approved as amended by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

Emmy Stidham, treasurer, presented the Summary of Private Funds by Investor. Total cash and investments are \$2,720,765.85. Ms. Stidham moved the adoption of the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Bill Gustafson, the Treasurer's Report was adopted by unanimous vote.

Executive Director's Report

Consideration of Plan to cut FY-03 Budget due to Revenue Shortfall: Bob Blackburn stated because of a revenue shortfall, the FY-03 appropriation was cut 4.75 percent or \$499,475. The OHS budget has not been cut; only the revenue that comes to the OHS is being reduced. Measures to deal with the reduction include payroll savings from vacancies; a reduction-in-force and hiring freeze (\$202,559); expected attrition savings (\$40,000); special projects (\$63,000); general operations cuts

(\$80,000); furloughs (\$80,000); Tulsa Race Riot (\$32,063); Governors Bust (\$808); and State Capital Publishing Museum roof (\$1,045) for a total budget reduction of \$499,475. Bill Gustafson moved to adopt the budget reduction plan as presented. Seconded by Paul Matthews, the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Consideration of Changes to Title 53: Bob Blackburn reviewed proposed changes to Title 53, which is the statute under which the OHS operates. The most significant recommended changes are to allow the OHS Board of Directors to determine where to charge admission and how much to charge at each site and museum. Most of the strikeouts eliminate language that is either archaic, no longer in effect, or should never have been codified. Bill Corbett moved to approve the proposed changes as presented. Seconded by Paul Matthews, the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Consideration of Museums and Sites Priority Ranking for 2003: Bob Blackburn reviewed the Priority Ranking for FY-03, explaining the process. After a brief discussion, Bill Corbett moved approval of the Priority Ranking for FY-03. Seconded by Bill Pennington, the motion was unanimously approved.

Consideration of Increasing OHS Membership Dues: Bob Blackburn referred to the FY-03 Membership Dues Review. Projected revenue based on current membership is \$95,005. Projected costs are \$119,206, which results in a shortfall of \$24,201. The average unit cost per member per year is \$18.65. A comparison with other historical societies in five states similar to the OHS in size, services, and geographical areas all had higher dues. Dr. Blackburn presented the Membership Committee's proposal for an increase in membership dues.

Current Dues

Annual Individual \$20
 Annual Retired \$15
 Annual Student \$15
 Annual Family \$30
 Annual Supporting \$75
 Annual Institutional \$30
 Life \$400
 Benefactor \$1000

Proposed Increase

Annual Individual \$25
 Annual Retired \$20
 Annual Student \$20
 Annual Family \$40
 Annual Supporting \$75
 Annual Institutional \$40
 Life \$400
 Benefactor \$1000

Following a lengthy discussion, Ruth Moran moved approval to set dues for Annual Individual, Annual Student, and Annual Retired at the same level. Bill Gustafson seconded the motion.

President Garrison explained that the effective result of the change would be to eliminate the two discounted categories and combine them with Annual Individual.

President Garrison read the amended motion to strike Annual Retired and Annual Student categories. Vote was taken by roll call with the following results: Alex Adwan-no, Aulena Gibson-no, James Kemm-no, Paul Matthews-no, Bill Pennington-no, Ken Rainbolt-no, Jack Baker-yes, Bill Corbett-yes, Mary Duffe-yes, Thalia Eddleman-yes, LeRoy Fischer-yes, Bill Gustafson-yes, Marvin Kroeker-yes, Dan Lawrence-yes, Ruth Moran-yes, Carolyn Renfro-yes, Sally Soelle-yes, Emmy Stidham-yes, and Frances Stiles-yes. President Garrison did not vote. The motion was approved by a vote of 13 to 6.

Dan Lawrence stated that he had a problem with the previous action and moved that the issue be returned to the Membership Committee for further study. LeRoy Fischer seconded the motion. Vote was taken by roll call with the following results: Alex Adwan-no, Jack Baker-no, Bill Corbett-no, Mary Duffe-no, Thalia Eddleman-no, LeRoy Fischer-no, Aulena Gibson-no, Bill Gustafson-no, James Kemm-no, Marvin Kroeker-no, Ken Rainbolt-no, Carolyn Renfro-no, Sally Soelle-no, Emmy Stidham-no, Frances Stiles-no, Dan Lawrence-yes, Paul Matthews-yes, Ruth Moran-yes, Bill Pennington-yes. President Garrison did not vote. The motion was defeated by a vote of 15 to 4.

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Paul Matthews moved to adopt the proposed increases as unanimously recommended by the Membership Committee. Marvin Kroeker seconded the motion. James Kemm moved for a substitute amendment to raise the individual membership from \$20 to \$25 and raise the family membership from \$30 to \$35. Paul Matthews seconded the motion. Vote was taken by roll call with the following results: Alex Adwan-yes, Thalia Eddleman-yes, LeRoy Fischer-yes, Aulena Gibson-yes, Bill Gustafson-yes, James Kemm-yes, Ruth Moran-yes, Frances Stiles-yes, Jack Baker-no, Bill Corbett-no, Mary Duffe-no, Marvin Kroeker-no, Dan Lawrence-no, Paul Matthews-no, Bill Pennington-no, Ken Rainbolt-no, Carolyn Renfro-no, Sally Soelle-no, Emmy Stidham-no. President Garrison did not vote. The substitute motion was defeated by a vote of 11 to 8.

Paul Matthews pressed his motion to approve the committee's recommended increases, amended only by the previous vote to abolish the categories for student and retired. The recommendation would set Individual at \$25, Family and Institutional at \$40, Life at \$500, Supporting at \$75, and Benefactor at \$1000. Vote was taken by roll call with the following results: Alex Adwan-yes, Bill Corbett-yes, Mary Duffe-yes, Thalia Eddleman-yes, LeRoy Fischer-yes, Aulena Gibson-yes, James Kemm-yes, Marvin Kroeker-yes, Dan Lawrence-yes, Paul Matthews-yes, Bill Pennington-yes, Ken Rainbolt-yes, Carolyn Renfro-yes, Sally Soelle-yes, Emmy Stidham-yes, Frances Stiles-yes, Jack Baker-no, Bill Gustafson-no, Ruth Moran-no. President Garrison did not vote. The motion was approved by a vote of 16 to 3.

Report on the Construction Accident on the Judicial Center Site and Alternative Plan for Access to the OHS: Bob Blackburn stated this agenda item required no action but would be discussed by Robert Thomas later in the meeting.

Report on the History Center

Robert Thomas reported on Phase I of the building construction. The concrete basement walls are 88 percent complete; the concrete slab work is 35 percent complete; the steel erection is 65 percent complete; the steel fabrication in Oklahoma City at W&W Steel is 98 percent complete; and the pre-cast stone fabrication is 75 percent complete and is being stored at the pre-cast plant until the contractor is ready to begin installation, which should be in about a month. Mr. Thomas made a PowerPoint presentation of construction progress on the site.

Robert Thomas made a PowerPoint presentation on the accident that occurred on October 11 at the construction site of the Judicial Center. A crane collapsed and a concrete bucket, which was being hoisted at the time of the collapse, fell into the scaffold-protected pedestrian walkway on the east side of the Wiley Post Building. The crane left a hole in the roof of the Wiley Post Building. Those who do not want to use the pedestrian walkway on the east side of the building can use the auditorium entrance on the west side of the building.

Mr. Thomas reported on cost savings in Phase I to get the facility within the overall budget figure of \$33 million. Four areas were considered in Phase I. Revisions in landscaping resulted in a savings of \$75,000; a change in the lighting system for the onyx lanterns resulted in a savings of \$32,000; a change in the aluminum coating will save over \$100,000; changing the deck finish outside the special events center from flagstone to granite will save \$265,000. Changes under way in Phase II are relocation of some of the block walls, and in some areas replacing them with sheetrock where there is not a security risk; other changes include respecifying balcony railings; reducing interior structural glazing; respecifying the acoustic material on the ceiling of the dome area, rotunda, and atrium; reducing the number of chillers and boilers from three each to two each; reduce the total number of HVAC zones by 30 percent; respecifying the light fixtures; and reducing the number of electrical receptacles from quadruplex to duplex. These changes total about \$3 million, which is \$2 million short of the goal. This is just an interim report because the construction manager has not finalized any of these figures.

Report on Collection Activities and Exhibit Development: Dan Provo reported that over 600 artifacts were accepted during the last quarter. The derrick donation also was completed. A donation of slightly over 400 pieces of Cities Service Oil Company material was received. An additional service contract has been established with Haley-Sharpe, which will begin October 28. Following a reorganizational meeting, a series of four workshops focusing on text development, graphics development, interactives development, and audio visual development are anticipated. Restoration has been completed on the Case tractor. A request for bids is out for restoration of the Dodge panel truck. Restoration and completion of the neon repairs on the Woodward Bank sign have been completed, and a request for bids is out on building a replica of the Winnie Mae.

Bill Lees made a PowerPoint presentation on the Red River shipwreck and a brief update on the year's progress and shared plans for the next phase. More funds will have to be raised to complete the project.

Report on Fund-raising Campaign: Bob Blackburn reported that the fund-raising campaign has been divided into corporate giving, individual giving, foundations, and government grants.

Tim Zwink reported on funding proposals being developed and on what is involved in the process. Ten potential funders have been targeted and work is under way to have all ten proposals submitted by the next full Board meeting. All ten are corporations and foundations.

Sandra Stratton made a PowerPoint presentation of the USO Show on October 18. Figures were not available on the result of the October 18 USO Show. Donations of \$2,000 were received for outfitting the First Kansas Colored reenactment unit. NEH awarded a grant to the Oklahoma Museum of History for the American Indian Gallery and other programs. The library received a \$3,950 grant. The Chamber of Commerce project is continuing. The brick project is continuing to grow. As of October, 2002, the total received is \$3,739,721. Requests submitted but not heard from total over \$3 million.

Aulena Gibson announced the next USO show will be held in Lawton on March 1.

Committee Reports

Archives: Bill Pennington reported that budget cuts were discussed and the meeting went well.

Development/Endowment: No report.

Education: Dan Lawrence reported that the sad part of the Honey Springs Reenactment was the death of a reenactor. Over 400 reenactors participated, programs for nearly 1,000 school children were conducted, and public attendance was almost 3,000.

Historic Preservation: Emmy Stidham reported that the agency shortfall did not pose as much restriction on SHPO because 60 to 80 percent of its budget is federal monies. The preservation conference will be held in Miami, Oklahoma, on May 8-10.

Historic Sites: Bill Corbett reported that the agency's financial situation had affected historic sites dramatically. A number of positions are vacant and equipment problems continue. One of the goals of this committee was to try to eliminate all one-person sites, but progress has not been made. Employees at the sites have absorbed these difficulties and are making the best of it. Programs are continuing. Sites are open. The employees in the field are to be commended for their dedication. The Murrell Home was added by the National Park Service as the second certified site in Oklahoma on the National Trail of Tears Historic Trail. The other site is the Cherokee Heritage Center.

Indian Heritage: Lewis Stiles reported that Jim Anquoe and Dennis Zotigh have both been doing research and working on the Indian Gallery exhibit script. Jim Anquoe is working on a Native American war exhibit, which includes all the wars Native Americans were involved in since this country declared its independence

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from England. Mr. Anquoe is also working on the Native American Church exhibit and has talked to leaders of each tribe for verification of information and approval of the exhibit. According to Mr. Anquoe, the OHS has a wonderful collection of rattles, which will be used in the exhibits. Letters of support have been received from eighteen tribes supporting the Indian Gallery. Exhibits will be rotated on a six-month basis. The first four tribes that have agreed to work with the OHS are the Choctaw Nation, the Kiowa Tribe, Osage Nation, and the Pawnee Tribe. Dennis Zotigh, Jeff Moore, and Mary Jane Warde will travel to Washington, D.C., next week to select artifacts the OHS would like to borrow from the Smithsonian for the exhibit. The cost for conservation, insurance, and packing of each artifact is \$5,000. Jeff Moore transferred from Special Projects to fill the position of curator of ethnology in the Oklahoma Museum of History.

Library Resources: Mary Duffe reported on staff work during the recent closing of the library. Scanning of the 1889 to 1907 Oklahoma City directories has been completed. Work continues on the city directories from 1907 to 1920. Scanning has begun on the 160,000 biographical cards onto a CD, which will be available for purchase later. The library received a \$3,950 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for preservation assessments of the Sanborn Fire Maps, and a firm from Texas will do the work January 8-10, 2003. When the assessment report is generated, it will be used to apply for more grants to preserve the maps. The \$23,000 that the library was given has been cut by 65 percent, which leaves \$8,000. The committee voted to amend the goals and objectives to reflect that change. Two computers for the reading room and one for the back stack will be purchased with the remaining \$8,000. The library plans to purchase subscriptions to Ancestry.com and Genealogical Library.com for use by patrons. The library also will have a file server and all CDs that the OHS now owns will be put on the file server and will be available to patrons after January. CDs are now available to patrons on a temporary basis. Mary Duffe moved approval to purchase the twelve books listed in the packet. Seconded by several members, the motion carried.

Membership/Museums/Annual Meeting: Paul Matthews moved to accept as life members Roxie Hensley of Altus, Oklahoma, Michael W. Hinkle of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and Leonard Logan of Vinita, Oklahoma. Seconded by several members, the motion was unanimously approved.

The Museums Committee will meet in Ponca City on January 21, 2003, with the city manager and others that are proposing to make contributions to the Pioneer Woman Museum.

The Annual Meeting Committee will meet in December. Former OHS Board member Bob Klemme will attend the meeting. The annual meeting is April 24, 25, 26, 2003.

Oklahoma Museum of History: Bill Gustafson reported that the committee took action on three items. First was the approval of recent donations, second was the acceptance of the remainder of the Woody Guthrie material donated by the Smithsonian Sites Division, and third was the approval of a logo for the Oklahoma Museum of History, which will be on the agenda for full Board approval in January. Dan Provo explained that the graphic element of the logo was derived from one of the symbols included in the collections from Spiro Mounds. It is a Spiro Mounds ear spool, which has been modified and is not a direct representation. It is also a Ming Dynasty symbol and means the keeper of the seven treasures. It is simple and direct and means different things to different people. It is an identity for the Oklahoma Museum of History only, not the OHS.

Publications Committee: Sally Soelle reported that the Encyclopedia Project is on schedule. Approximately 1,000 entries have been prepared with many more under way. In view of Max Nichols' retirement, the committee discussed how the society should address the issue of publicity. Mr. Nichols proposed decentralization of what he does so that with standard form releases publicity could continue.

New Business

President Garrison presented the book, *Psychological Warfare in Korea: Life and Times in the First Radio Broadcasting and Leaflet Group 1951-52* donated to the Oklahoma Historical Society by Herb Stevens of Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Dan Lawrence reported that at the USO Show in Oklahoma City on October 18, President Garrison was presented with the United States Field Artillery Association's Ancient Order of Saint Barbara Award. The USFAA is a worldwide organization with 5,300 members in seventy-six chapters. The Loyal Train of Artillery Chapter sponsored President Garrison's award. It is the only USFAA chapter devoted to the service of antique ordnance and living history. There are two levels of Saint Barbara awards: the Honorable and the Ancient. Each year the USFAA processes approximately 2,300 applications for both awards, with less than 100 Ancients being awarded. To qualify for the Ancient, an individual must have, "performed *conspicuous, long-term service for or on behalf of the United States Army Field Artillery or Marine Corps Field Artillery.*" The Ancient Order is reserved for an elite few whose careers have embodied the spirit, dignity, and sense of sacrifice and commitment epitomized by Saint Barbara. The commandant of U.S. Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, must personally approve all Ancient awards. President Garrison was a battery commander with the Forty-fifth Division in Korea.

Bill Gustafson suggested a study be done of the Priority Ranking and then explore the closing or sale of some sites and museums.

There being no further business, President Garrison adjourned the meeting at 4:35 P.M.

DENZIL D. GARRISON, PRESIDENT

BOB L. BLACKBURN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR