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## Minutes of the OHS Quarterly Board Meeting

*April 22, 2004*

President Garrison called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M., Thursday, April 22, 2004, in the conference room of the Holiday Inn Express, Weatherford, Oklahoma.

Terry Howard administered the oath of office to Roger Bromert. Mr. Bromert was appointed to complete the term of Carolyn Renfro, who resigned in January, 2004.

### Roll Call

Bob Blackburn called the roll. Members present: Alex Adwan, Jack Baker, Roger Bromert, Bill Corbett, Mary Duffe, Thalia Eddleman, LeRoy Fischer, Denzil Garrison, Aulena Gibson, James Kemm, Marvin Kroeker, Dan Lawrence, Leonard Logan, Paul Matthews, Danna Pippin, Ken Rainbolt, Sally Soelle, Emmy Stidham, and Barbara Thompson. Members absent: Bill Gustafson, Jack Haley, Louise James, Bill Pennington, and Frances Stiles. OHS staff present: Bob Blackburn, Robert Thomas, Dan Provo, Kathy Dickson, and Geneva Little.

### Presentation of Volunteer of Quarter

Jim Reser was named Volunteer of the Quarter. Mr. Reser volunteers at the Fort Gibson Historic Site. He was responsible for getting a donation from Wal-Mart to replace the stairs at the Fort.

Member Dan Keating joined the meeting at 10:05 A.M.

### Minutes

Paul Matthews moved, LeRoy Fischer seconded the approval of the January 28, 2004, minutes as corrected. Approval was unanimous.

### Treasurer's Report

Emmy Stidham presented the Treasurer's Report. She reviewed the summary of private funds by investor, which totaled \$3,201,898.23. Senate Bill 1465, which reinstates the Oklahoma Historical Society's ability to invest funds, passed both the House and Senate and is expected to be signed by the governor within the next few days. Ms. Stidham moved that the report be accepted as presented. Seconded by LeRoy Fischer, approval was unanimous.

### Executive Director's Report

**Summary of Actual Expenditures:** Bob Blackburn reviewed Actual Expenditures for the period of July 1, 2003, through March 31, 2004. All the accounts are doing well except personnel, which is a little short.

Jack Haley joined the meeting at 10:15 A.M.

**Legislation affecting the OHS:** Bob Blackburn reported that work continues on the appropriation bill. One piece of legislation that has passed the House and the Senate that affects the OHS is the Oklahoma Art in Public Places Act, which declares that a portion of expenditures for certain capital projects will be set aside for the acquisition of works of art to be placed in public places. Funding is provided for the OHS to act as the administering agency. The general appropriation bill has been passed by both the House and the Senate and signed by the governor. The OHS was funded at last year's level. Because of fixed increases such as health insurance costs

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for existing staff, longevity payments, and risk management, the budget is already cut by approximately \$120,000 to \$150,000. Also an employee pay raise of \$1,400 annualized beginning in January, 2005, was funded in the general appropriation bill. This year there is \$700 for every employee already in agency's general appropriation bill to make that payment. Also money was added to make the bond payments that are due next year. The one-time savings on bond payments last year was added back this year to make the payments for the coming year. Dr. Blackburn sent a letter to Representative Erwin and Senator Littlefield, who chair the Agency's appropriation subcommittee. An offer was made to fill vacant positions in the field if any new money is provided. The request was for \$504,000, which would allow fourteen vacant positions in the field to be filled. Representative Erwin's subcommittee agreed to fund half the request if the Senate would fund half. Representative Erwin was agreeable to the offer. Senator Littlefield was somewhat agreeable. Dr. Blackburn talked to all the representatives and senators affected by the offer. They are still working on it. Leadership had already earmarked most of the allocations that came down to the subcommittees so any money received toward the \$504,000 would come out of another agency's budget. There is still a chance of getting more money in the Reconciliation Bill.

**Consideration of "Heritage Tourism Trust Fund" Initiative:** Bob Blackburn explained the concept behind the Heritage Tourism Trust Fund, which would provide a dedicated stream of revenue for historic buildings such as county courthouses, museums, and state-owned properties. This concept has been shared with Senator Morgan and Speaker Adair and both liked the idea, as did rural legislators. Leonard Logan moved, Paul Matthews seconded, and the Board of Directors unanimously voted to support efforts to secure passage and funding for the Heritage Tourism Trust Fund.

**Consideration of Revised Fee Schedule:** Bob Blackburn reported that the OHS has an Online Store project and YourOklahoma, the official state web portal for the State of Oklahoma, will provide increased security for online purchases and marketing of the OHS web site. Their fee is two dollars per transaction. The fee will be added as a shipping and handling charge at no direct cost to the OHS. Your Oklahoma will also provide ongoing maintenance and upgrades for the web site. The web site will be maintained on OHS equipment and will be under OHS control. Dr. Blackburn requested approval of the two-dollar-fee transaction.

Dan Provo reported that the Oklahoma Museum of History staff was requesting and recommending approval by the Board of the following fee schedule:

	Public	State Agency	Non-profits
OHS/OHM Auditorium	\$200	free	\$100
Third floor classroom	\$ 50	free	\$ 25
Third floor classroom+galleries	\$250	free	\$175

Support groups for the Oklahoma Historical Society such as the Friends of the Archives and the Oklahoma Genealogical Society will use the facilities free of charge.

Thalia Eddleman moved approval of both requests as presented. Seconded by Aulena Gibson, approval was unanimous.

**Report on History Center**

**Construction Report:** Robert Thomas reported that an audio-visual meeting was held on April 15, 2004; the fireproofing sub-contractor continues spraying on third floor; the plumbing sub-contractor is working in the administration areas; the heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning contractor is working on duct work in the administration wing and in the main mechanical room in the basement; the electrical sub-contractor is working in the gallery wings; stud work is ongoing in the first floor research wing; handrails will be re-bid on May 4; Phase I granite plinth caulking and flashing work is ongoing; shop drawings for the HVAC controls are still in re-

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view status; elevator installations will begin next week; the fire suppression sub-contractor will begin his piping this week; and steel is in short supply. Mr. Thomas concluded his report with a PowerPoint presentation of construction in progress.

**Color Board Presentation:** Angie Bailey, interior designer for Beck Associates, made a presentation of interior colors, fabric, floor coverings, and finishes for the new History Center.

**Report on Collections and Exhibit Development:** Dan Provo made a PowerPoint presentation of recent collections received, a couple of images relating to programs, and some images relating to the exhibits, including images of oilfield equipment, Lewis and Clark documents, the Dunning Collection, and the Red River steamship. Contracts have been received for this season's fieldwork on the Red River steamship.

The next visit from Haley-Sharpe begins April 25 with the focus being on the finalizations of drawings for construction purposes and bid packages.

Bob Blackburn reported that the John Dunning Political Collection of over 10,000 items was acquired. Mr. Dunning will help process and document each individual item.

**Report on Fund Raising:** Tim Zwink presented an update on fund raising. A grant of \$10,000 was received from the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundations to support the Pioneers in Journalism exhibit. The Kerr Foundation plans to offer a \$50,000 challenge grant to go toward Oklahoma History Center exhibits. A grant of \$150,000 was received from the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board that will go toward naming rights of classroom space and natural resources curriculum. A number of grants are in development.

The Past Times Calendar has generated over \$1,600. Work has begun on the second edition of the calendar. The commemorative coins have generated \$590. The Endowed Chair Campaign has generated \$11,000. The monogrammed brick project has generated \$59,500. The memorial limestone pavers have generated \$5,000. The memorial benches have generated \$10,200. The first postcard mailing brought in a little over \$12,000 in contributions and pledges. The first phase of the second postcard mailing has been completed to the OHS membership and the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association membership. A project in development is a reclining buffalo bronze sculpture that would be located at the entrance to the building. Plans are to sell maquettes of the buffalo sculpture to help offset the cost. Of the \$9 million goal, 71.8 percent has been raised.

### Approval of Life Memberships

Paul Matthews moved to accept Rita Matthews of Oklahoma City, Frank Berry of Stillwater, and Frank Parman of Norman as life members. Seconded by Leonard Logan, approval was unanimous.

The meeting recessed until Friday, April 23, 2004, at 2:45 P.M.

The meeting reconvened in open session on Friday, April 23, 2004, at 2:45 P.M. in the Student Union Ballroom, Weatherford, Oklahoma. President Garrison congratulated and welcomed new Board members.

Bob Blackburn called the roll. Members present: Alex Adwan, Jack Baker, Roger Bromert, Bill Corbett, Mary Duffe, Thalia Eddleman, LeRoy Fischer, Denzil Garrison, Aulena Gibson, Jack Haley, James Kemm, Marvin Kroeker, Dan Lawrence, Leonard Logan, Paul Matthews, William Pennington, Sally Soelle, Emmy Stidham, and Barbara Thompson. Members absent: Bill Gustafson, Louise James, Daniel Keating, Danna Pippin, Ken Rainbolt, and Frances Stiles. OHS staff present: Bob L. Blackburn, Robert Thomas, and Geneva Little.

### Approval of New Committee Appointments

**Core Committees:** For the Research Committee, President Garrison recommended Bill Pennington as chair, Jack Baker, Jack Haley, Aulena Gibson, Roger Bromert, and Mary Duffe. Emmy Stidham moved that the Research Committee be

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established as recommended. Seconded by Thalia Eddleman, approval was unanimous.

President Garrison read the following recommendation, which was made on committee reorganization: "With the pending reorganization of the Museums, Historic Sites, and Education Divisions into Outreach some reorganization of the Board committee structure seems to be in order. It is the staff recommendation that the Board president appoint one committee for Outreach. This committee needs to be larger than most other committees with a minimum of eight members. By having a larger committee the chair will have the ability to appoint subcommittees to address specific issues should the need arise. It is also recommended that a vice chair be appointed to serve in the event the chair is unable to attend a meeting."

The new committee will be known as the Historic Sites, Museums and Outreach Committee. President Garrison recommended William Corbett as chair, Dan Lawrence as vice chair, and as members Bill Gustafson, Leonard Logan, Ken Rainbolt, and Frances Stiles. Paul Matthews moved that Historic Sites, Museums and Outreach Committee be established as recommended. Seconded by Bill Pennington, approval was unanimous.

To serve on the Publications/Membership Committee, President Garrison recommended the reappointment of Sally Soelle as chair, Alex Adwan, LeRoy Fischer, Thalia Eddleman, and Marvin Kroeker. Emmy Stidham moved approval. Seconded by Bill Corbett, approval was unanimous.

To serve on the Oklahoma Museum Committee, President Garrison recommended Paul Matthews as chair, and as members Daniel Keating, Marvin Kroeker, James Kemm, and Barbara Thompson. Sally Soelle moved approval. Seconded by Dan Lawrence, approval was unanimous.

To serve on the Historic Preservation Committee, President Garrison recommended Emmy Stidham, as chair, Sally Soelle, Louise James, and Danna Pippin. Alex Adwan moved approval. Seconded by Leonard Logan, approval was unanimous.

President Garrison stated that he as president, Aulena Gibson as vice president, and Emmy Stidham as treasurer were automatically on the Executive Committee and recommended for reappointment Jack Haley (past president), Marvin Kroeker (past president), LeRoy Fischer (elected), James Kemm (elected/past president), and Bill Gustafson and Leonard Logan (appointed). Bill Corbett moved approval. Seconded by Dan Lawrence, approval was unanimous.

**Interim Committees:** To serve on the Development/Endowment Committee, President Garrison recommended the reappointment of Daniel Keating as chair, Aulena Gibson, and Bill Gustafson. Emmy Stidham moved approval. Seconded by Bill Corbett, approval was unanimous.

To serve on the Evaluation Committee, reappointed Marvin Kroeker to serve as chair, and as members Aulena Gibson, Emmy Stidham, and Jack Haley. Barbara Thompson moved approval. Seconded by Leonard Logan, approval was unanimous.

President Garrison reappointed the members of the Executive Committee to serve as the Burkhart Trustees. Emmy Stidham moved to approval. Seconded by Thalia Eddleman, approval was unanimous.

To serve on the Indian Heritage Committee, President Garrison recommended Lewis Stiles as chair, Jack Baker as co-chair, and Bill Corbett. Jack Haley moved approval. Seconded by Emmy Stidham, approval was unanimous.

President Garrison reappointed Mark Lea "Beau" Cantrell as curator of the Confederate Room. Approval was unanimous.

President Garrison reappointed Mark Lea "Beau" Cantrell as curator of the Union Room. Approval was unanimous.

Members of the Nominating Committee are elected members of the Board not on the ballot.

President Garrison appointed Emmy Stidham as chair, Bill Corbett, and Jack Baker to serve on the Annual Meeting/Awards Committee. Approval was unanimous.

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### **Consideration of Site Selection for the 2005 Annual Meeting**

Bob Blackburn reported that two invitations had been received, one from the city of Guymon and one from the city of Muskogee. Jack Haley moved to have the 2005 Annual Meeting in Muskogee. Seconded by Paul Matthews, approval was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 P.M.

DENZIL D. GARRISON, PRESIDENT

BOB L. BLACKBURN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the OHS Membership**

*April 23, 2004*

President Denzil Garrison called the meeting to order at 2:15 P.M., Friday April 23, 2004, in the SWOSU Student Union Ballroom, Weatherford, Oklahoma.

Bill Corbett introduced the newly elected and appointed Board members, James Kemm, Marvin Kroeker, Jack Haley, William Pennington, and Roger Bromert.

Justice Yvonne Kauger administered the oath of office to the new Board members.

Bob Blackburn presented Kathy Dickson, director of the OHS Outreach Division, with a twenty-five-year service pin. Glen McIntyre, site director of the Museum of the Cherokee Strip in Enid, and Jeff Briley, registrar of the Oklahoma Museum of History, were recognized for completing twenty-five years of service.

Bob Blackburn, executive director of the OHS, reported that the OHS had received severe budget cuts over the past months, but even with the budget cuts the OHS has continued to move forward. The future is bright in spite of the difficulties of the past year. Collection activity has quadrupled. Goals and objectives for the coming year are to finish the new History Center and keep moving forward.

There being no further business, President Garrison adjourned the meeting at 2:35 P.M.

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