

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD
THE ASSOCIATION FOR LIVING HISTORY, FARM & AGRICULTURAL MUSEUMS
LeROY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, LeROY, NY
NOVEMBER 3 & 4, 2006**

Members present and a quorum: Lynne Belluscio, Judith Sheridan, Mike Beckett, Michelle Dondo-Tardiff, Ed Schultz, Manuel Lopez, Charles LeCount, John Caramia, Karen Becker and Pete Watson. Guests: Blake Hayes, Katie Boardman.

Not present: Jim Mattson, Bruce Henbest, Rick Musselman.

Friday, November 3, 2006

President Lynne Belluscio called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM in the library of the LeRoy Historical Society. Belluscio appointed LeCount as the timekeeper. The agenda was reviewed and all items will be covered although not necessarily in the order listed. A motion to approve the minutes of the June 2006 meeting in Baton Rouge, LA was made by Caramia, seconded by Dondo-Tardiff. Motion passed. The minutes will now be sent to the website. Sheridan reported that there was \$21,888.79 in the checking account at the start of the board meeting. The third quarter financial report was issued and e-mailed in early October. A motion to file the treasurer's report for audit was made by Watson, seconded by Lopez. Motion passed. The 2006 Annual Meeting returned \$13,068.78 to the Association.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS.

2006 CONFERENCE. The written report from the 2006 conference suggested that a shorter conference be considered with fewer workshops. David Floyd was praised for his aggressive seeking out of support for the meeting and wonderful hospitality. As a result of a non-payment of a registration and other expenses the following motion was made by LeCount: ALHFAM will not accept a registration for any annual or regional meeting from any person who has failed to make payment in the past for their registration or related expenses and that person will be denied access to future conferences and membership in the Association. This motion will be included in the Conference Planning Guide. Caramia seconded. Motion passed.

2007 CONFERENCE. Sue Hanson said the conference will be marketed locally in hopes of attracting new participants. There will be no vendors and ads will be sold in the conference program. Contracts with keynote speakers, busses, banquet venue and the college are in hand. Woodcock and Kennis attended AASLH and passed out information. The budget will be reviewed later in the meeting.

2008 CONFERENCE. Dondo-Tardiff said the entire committee has met. The call for papers is ready now. The budget will be based on 125 registrations. Passports will be requires to enter and leave Canada.

AUCTION. No report.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS. Schultz will make sure the fellowship information is in the winter Bulletin. Recipients will receive registration and 5 nights lodging. Dondo-Tardiff made a motion to invite Roy Brigden from the UK to participate as our international fellowship recipient in 2007. Caramia seconded. Motion passed. Members of the Awards Committee should include the chair, a first year board member and a member at large. Peter Ledwith, the most recent Schlebecker Award winner will be asked to join the committee.

Lopez moved the acceptance of the Ad Hoc Committee reports, Schultz seconded. Motion passed.

Saturday the board resumed meeting at 9:00 AM with Hayes and Boardman joining us.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

PUBLICATIONS. Hayes reviewed the highlights of the Publications Committee report that was prepared by Reid. Boardman noted progress in all areas related to the Bulletin but would like more things to include from regional reps and committees. The number of ads has been increasing. Hayes will prepare a new ad rate schedule. Beckett moved that advertising rates in the Bulletin be raised not to exceed 10% beginning with Volume 37, Number 1 (Spring 2007). Seconded by Schultz. Motion passed. Hayes reviewed the current state of the website and noted that regions need to add more information as do committees. He is willing to train the chairs to do this. Regional newsletters can be put on the website. BINhost contacts need to be updated Hayes will contact BINhost about additional storage for the site for \$6.00 per month. Caramia

moved that organizations listing jobs on the website be required to be institutional members. LeCount seconded. Motion passed. We discussed listing resumes on the site. The new Publications Committee will be charged with creating a strategic plan for the committee. Business Associate members would receive a link to their site from our website as part of member benefits. The Replica Resource List should become part of the member's only section of the website as soon as possible. Links to institutional member's websites also need to be added to our website. The committee needs to decide in what order these projects will be done. A board member needs to be part of the Publications Committee but not necessarily the chair. Caramia moved that the board member shall be responsible for making the Publications Committee report at the regularly scheduled board meetings. Watson seconded. Motion passed. Lopez made a motion expressing the thanks of the board to Debra Reid for her excellent years of service as chair of the Publications Committee. Becker seconded. Motion passed. Thanks were expressed to Hayes and Boardman for their work on the Bulletin. Schultz moved that permission be granted to reprint an article from the Bulletin in the MOMCC Magazine. Beckett seconded. Motion passed.

CORN. LeCount said Tom LeClair has volunteered to be the Atlantic Canada rep. Del Taylor has asked to be replaced in the Canada Region. Western Canada is not active.

FUTURE SITES & CONFERENCE SUPPORT. LeCount noted that Conner Prairie regrets that it is unable to host the 2009 Annual Meeting. Belluscio will approach Genessee Country Museum about the possibility of hosting the 2009 Annual Meeting. Different models for the meeting will be reviewed. A shorter conference will be considered that would keep costs down. Members will be asked for their ideas and opinions. Texel will head a committee to update the Conference Planning Guide.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE. Caramia did not present a slate of candidates for the 3 board seats but asked the entire board to review potential names before any were called. He made a motion to nominate Bruce Henbest for vice president beginning in June 2007. Dondo-Tardiff seconded. Motion passed. Caramia nominated Judith Sheridan for another term as secretary/treasurer. Becker seconded. Motion passed.

ARCHIVES. Caramia is ready to send his papers to the archives..

MEMORABILIA. No report.

SPAM. Belluscio will prepare packets for the regional membership chairs with ways to approach potential members. Some of the information could be placed on the website and printed as needed.

REPLICA RESOURCE LIST. The list is being kept up to date by Woodcock.

C.O.O.P. LeCount attended AASLH as our representative. Caramia reviewed the meetings of the Definition Project. He plans to do a session with Eric Holland in Santa Fe. Dale Jones is working on standard definitions for living history and may also be in Santa Fe. We discussed again whether our association's name restricts our expansion and growth.

AUDIT. The committee will meet in March 2007.

PIG COMMITTEES. Belluscio did not receive responses from several committees. Several of the PIGS have good content on the website and the other PIGS are encouraged to take advantage of the exposure they can get by getting current information on the website.

LeCount moved the acceptance of the Administrative Committee reports. Beckett seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

BYLAWS. After one more review by the committee a cover letter will be prepared and the proposed Bylaws will be sent with the 2007 ballot to all members. This will be for their information. No vote will be taken until after discussion at the annual meeting in Santa Fe. The committee is to ask for a legal opinion on whether the annual meeting can be held any time during a calendar year and not limited as it is now by the current Bylaws. When Henbest returns from Europe he will make the minor changes suggested.

2007 CONFERENCE. Sheridan made a motion that the registration for the 2007 Annual Meeting be set at \$425.00 and that the areas of cost reduction suggested by the board be reviewed and implemented where possible. Caramia seconded. Motion passed. Tote bags will be an optional purchase like T-shirts.

NEW BUSINESS.

ONLINE AUCTION. Watson volunteered to setup and run an online auction through Howell Living History Farm. It would be open to all members to donate items and bid. The auction would be in 2007 and be sponsored by the Mid Atlantic region. Watson will prepare a draft of the project by February 2007 and share it by e-mail with the board.

DUES INCREASE. After reviewing the dues schedules of NAI, AASLH and AAM, the board set new membership fees to begin April 1, 2007. The schedule is as follows:

Student/Retired	\$25.00
Basic	30.00
Supporting	50.00
Joint	55.00
Business Associate	50.00
Small Institution/Library	60.00
Large Institution	120.00
Patron	100.00

There has been no increase in fees in 5 years and these fees reflect increased costs. Beckett moved the new fee schedule. Watson seconded. Motion passed.

2007 BUDGET. The board reviewed the budget proposal. Charges made to the 2007 Annual Meeting for the conference planner were removed. This will give the conference a better chance to break even or make a profit. The revised budget will be published in the Winter Bulletin. Schultz moved acceptance of the revised budget. Becker seconded. Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The European Open Air Museums meeting will be in the Netherlands on the last week in August 2007. The Association of International Museums of Agriculture moved their meeting in Serbia to 2008. Caramia moved for adjournment. The board will meet again in Santa Fe on May 31 and June 1, 2007. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Sheridan, Secretary