

**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 28, 2001  
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission was held on November 28, 2001, in the Board Room of the State Museum, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The following commissioners were present: Chairman Janet S. Klein; Vice Chairman William A. Cornell; Fran Cleaver representing Senator Edwin G. Holl; Representative Stephen R. Maitland; Dr. Brian C. Mitchell; Dr. LeRoy Patrick; Jennifer Black representing Senator Allyson Y. Schwartz; Dr. John W. Lawrence; Ms. Nancy Kolb; Dr. James Adovasio; Mr. Allen Wenger and Dr. Andrea Fitting. The following staff were present: Brent D. Glass, Executive Director; Doreen McCall, Chief Counsel; Donna Williams, Gloria Schleicher, Bob Weible; Jean Cutler; Anita Blackaby; Edith Walsh; Marcia Gobrecht; John Robinson; Frank Suran; and John Wesley. Deborah Filipi represented the Pennsylvania Federation of Museums and Historical Organizations.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Klein called the meeting to order at 10:05AM following the meeting of the Board of The Pennsylvania Heritage Society.

At this time John Wesley introduced the new PHMC Personnel Director, Jane Peyton.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2001**  
**COMMISSION MEETING**

Chairman Klein called for corrections or additions to the minutes. Mr. Wenger moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Ms. Kolb. The minutes were approved.

**III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Klein thanked everyone for attending the Commonwealth Treasure program at Fairmount Park in October with special mention of Edith Walsh and Dr. Lawrence as chairman.

Chairman Klein also thanked Dr. Cornell and Dr. Glass for their testimony before the State Board of Education for the history standards.

Chairman Klein briefly reviewed the handouts for today's meeting in addition to what is noted on the distribution list: Volume I, Number I of the e-bulletin about the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission; a list of historical markers that have been approved but not installed; proposed academic standards for history and today's program for acceptance of the painting "Birth Of Our Nation's Flag."

The grants staff is getting ready for a new round of applications. This year applicants are encouraged to use email to receive guideline information. The website to access the guidelines is [www.artsnet.org/phmc](http://www.artsnet.org/phmc).

Chairman Klein thanked Fran Cleaver for agreeing to be the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission liaison to the State Museum and Archives Renovation project. Ms. Cleaver is also Senator Holl's designee to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and outgoing President of The Friends of The State Museum.

Chairman Klein also thanked Ms. McCall for getting the trademark approval of the roadside historical marker design.

Chairman Klein noted a correction to the list of Associate Presidents/Site Information. The new Associate Group President for Ephrata Cloister is Scott Shonk.

#### **IV. STAFF REPORTS**

Chairman Klein asked for comments or questions regarding the staff reports. Chairman Klein mentioned that there will be a permanent Fine Arts Gallery and a location for changing Fine Arts exhibits.

Chairman Klein asked Ms. Walsh to give details about the letters of notification to legislators concerning land being conveyed to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Ms. Walsh reported that

these properties are associated with Bushy Run Battlefield, Old Economy Village and Eckley Miner's Village. As a courtesy the Commission notifies the legislators from districts where these sites are located.

**V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Glass commented that he and Dr. Cornell testified on the standards for Pennsylvania History. The standards have been officially approved by the State Board of Education for public review including the Education committees in the House and Senate.

Dr. Glass believes that the Department of Education is listening to the Commission. The points we are raising are that Pennsylvania history is important and that non-classroom resources need to be identified throughout the Commonwealth such as our historic sites and museums, archives and public television as resources for teaching.

The Commission has met with the governor's office and has begun to discuss the process of transferring papers of Governor Ridge and Governor Schweiker to the State Archives. Mr. Suran is working with Dr. Nicki Parisi who will be representing the administration. Dr. Glass mentioned that he would update the Commission on the transfer.

Dr. Patrick asked if the administration records are fully organized. Dr. Glass mentioned that each administration has a different organizational

system. The Commission usually does most of the processing along with the staff of the governor. Since we have more electronic records, there are more issues raised about how the records should be saved.

Dr. Cornell questioned what are done with the gifts the governor received. Dr. Glass said if the governor decides to keep a gift he is required to declare it for tax purposes. Most of the gifts are considered property of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Glass reported that he is very pleased with the progress the Commission is making on the Museum and Archives Renovation project. Dr. Glass commended all the staff members who have been involved in the State Museum and Archives Renovation Team and Hy Myers from the Vietta Group. Commission staff held two public meetings and has briefed Mayor Stephen Reed and city staff on the proposed entrance change to the State Museum of Pennsylvania. We have received positive feedback from the mayor's office.

Chairman Klein mentioned that Hy Myers has offered to meet with the Commission and give details about the renovation plans.

Dr. Glass and Ms. Schleicher attended a tourism summit sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

The plan to promote Pennsylvania is being called “Rediscover Your Pennsylvania.”

At the request of the Governor we joined in a promotion on Veteran’s Day called Unity Day. All Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission sites waived their admission fees for people to visit our historic sites and museums.

Dr. Glass noted that Ms. Schleicher is working with a group that is developing a strategic plan for heritage tourism. The Commission has also been asked to submit heritage tour packages to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. The first package will be the Pennsylvania Trail of History and other ideas include a railroading pass and a Patriot’s pass.

Ms. Kolb asked if Independence Hall has reopened and suggested the Commission express our concern that maybe there is a better way of security then keeping Independence Hall closed. Dr. Glass agreed to find out if Independence Hall is open.

Dr. Glass mentioned to the Commission that Barbara Chaffee who was deputy secretary for the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development has taken a new position with Tom Ridge in

Washington, D.C. Fritz Smith has been appointed as acting deputy secretary for tourism, travel and film promotion.

Chairman Klein and Dr. Glass both attended the Andalusia Historical Marker Dedication on November 1, 2001. Dr. Adovasio attended the Philip Cochran Historical Marker Dedication on November 11, 2001.

Dr. Glass met with the staff of the Pennsylvania Academy of Natural Sciences who will sponsor a major exhibit on the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The Commission has been asked to assist the Academy in promoting the exhibit and also the bicentennial throughout Pennsylvania.

The State Bookstore will hold its grand opening December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Glass encouraged everyone to visit the new bookstore that is located on the Plaza Level of the Keystone Building.

Dr. Glass attended the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, National Endowment for the Humanities panel (both in Washington, D.C.) and a meeting of State Historical Administrators in Boise, Idaho.

## **VI. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Chairman Klein asked if there were any questions regarding the September and October financial reports. Dr. Mitchell moved and Ms. Fitting seconded the motion to accept the reports to file. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### 1. FY 2001 – 2002 Work Plan

Chairman Klein remarked that everyone should have a final copy of the Executive Summary of the Annual Work Plan. Chairman Klein called for a motion to approve the Executive Summary. Ms. Kolb moved and Dr. Patrick seconded the motion. The Executive Summary was approved. This will accompany the detailed Annual Work Plan. (Attachment A)

### 2. Historic Markers

Chairman Klein asked Representative Maitland to give a report on the Historic Markers. Representative Maitland asked the commissioners if they knew of any organizations or individuals that would be willing to contribute towards the markers that are approved but not yet installed. Upcoming marker dedications include America's First Lager on December 1<sup>st</sup> in Philadelphia and the Articles of Confederation on December 19<sup>th</sup> in York. Representative Maitland mentioned that Mr. Wolfe has joined the marker

committee. This committee will meet to discuss the issue of replacement markers.

### 3. Legislative Committee

Ms. Walsh reported to the commission three legislative priorities that include House Bill 2131 transfer of State Book Store from the Department of General Services. Ms. Walsh thanked Representative Paul Clymer for his help. House Bill 91 concerning Historic Homesite Bill is currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee. House Bill 91 will give people who own historic homes money for restoration. Ms. Kolb asked what the total amount of money allocated for House Bill 91. Dr. Glass said that was \$500,000 has been set aside and 10% will be used for administrative purposes.

Ms. Kolb asked how this program relates to the Historic Preservation Grant Program. Dr. Glass commented that this adds a new category of eligibility for private homeowners. The historic preservation Keystone Grants are made only to local governments and non-profits. Ms. Kolb suggested that if we are buried with applications we could use this as a demonstration of need to receive more money for the program.

Chairman Klein explained that this program initially was designed as a tax credit. Ms. Kolb encouraged the legislative committee to continue to look at the resources available for the Keystone Program.

Ms. Walsh stated the last priority is the property conveyance legislation which will likely move to the state government committee. Representative Clymer will also help with this legislation.

#### 4. Black History Advisory Committee

Chairman Klein asked for approval for membership terms for the Black History Advisory Committee. Ms. Kolb moved and Representative Maitland seconded the motion.

Chairman Klein asked for discussion on the motion. Dr. Patrick stated that he would like to abstain from voting for Stephen Patrick on the Black History Advisory Committee. At this time Chairman Klein removed Stephen Patrick's name from the overall vote, which was approved unanimously. The commission voted on Stephen Patrick separately, Dr. Patrick abstained. The motion was approved. (Attachment B)

#### 5. Scholars-In-Residence

Chairman Klein asked for approval of Randall Miller and Carla Mulford as outside reviewers for the 2002-2003 Scholars-In-Residence Program. Ms. Kolb moved and Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The recommendations for the 2002-2003 Scholars-In-Residence Program were approved. (Attachment C)

## 6. State Museum

Ms. Blackaby will report on the Carousel fundraising project at the February Commission Meeting.

## 7. Pennsylvania Founder's Award

Ms. Walsh reported on Pennsylvania Founder's Award. Ms. Walsh will meet with Dr. Cornell about revising the nomination forms. This year the nomination forms will be accessible on the website starting December 15<sup>th</sup>. Distribution of nomination forms will be in January 2002, due date for all forms is February 8, 2002.

Dr. Cornell announced the names for the committee including himself: Dr. Patrick, Senator Robbins, Representative Ross, Katie True who is Executive Director for the Commission for Women. (Ed. Note: Ms. True asked to withdraw from the Committee and Jeannie Schmedlin agreed to serve).

## 8. Pennsylvania Heritage Week

Ms. Walsh reported that the staff committee has been working on Heritage Week. The committee is working on an image of William Penn overlooking the State of Pennsylvania for the Heritage Week brochure. Ms. Cleaver added that the Friends of the State Museum would hold a photo contest for high school student in which a scholarship will be awarded.

Ms. Walsh reminded everyone that Heritage Week is March 8 – 17, 2002. The opening ceremony has not yet been finalized. One idea, discussed in the Heritage Week Staff Committee, was to honor Governor Ridge, in light of the events of September 11, as well as the students, who were the recipients of awards at the State History Day Competition in May, at the Open Ceremony of Heritage Week. Nothing has been decided as of yet.” This year we are expanding participation in the family heritage afternoon located in Memorial Hall to include the Bureau for Historic Preservation, Archaeology as well as Historic Home Preservation.

Area schools have been targeted for Youth Day in which a whole day of activities will be planned for the children. Ms. Walsh has been working with Bill Kashatus of the Chester County Historical Society who does a living history program on William Penn. Dr. Patrick reiterated his recommendation that we notify all mayors statewide to promote “Pennsylvania’s Birthday.”

#### **VIII. COURTESY RESOLUTIONS**

Chairman Klein asked for approval of two courtesy resolutions, George Beyer and Harry Alexander. Dr. Cornell moved and Dr. Lawrence seconded the motion. Both courtesy resolutions were approved.

## **IX. STATUS REPORT**

Chairman Klein mentioned the Dr. Glass is working on an update of the Policy Compendium and donor recognition standards. Chairman Klein asked about the State Capitol Gift Shop. Ms. Blackaby will give an update at the February Commission Meeting.

Dr. Glass reported that the Somerset County Commissioners asked the Commission's assistance serving as a repository for the various artifacts and memorabilia that are being left at various sites near the crash of United Flight 93.

Chairman Klein reported that Doreen McCall is working on the trademark for Art of the State.

## **X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Chairman Klein asked if there is any unfinished business. There was none to discuss.

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Klein introduced Kathleen Pavelko, President and CEO of WITF-TV who presented a demonstration of [explorepahistory.com](http://explorepahistory.com). This project brings together Pennsylvania history, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission marker program and the use of technology to bring

Pennsylvania history to citizens, teachers and students. There will be a website [www.explorepa.com](http://www.explorepa.com).

Chairman Klein and all Commissioners thanked Ms. Pavelko for her presentation.

## **XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Klein announced that the Commissioners are invited to the Staff Recognition Program/Luncheon on December 17, 2001. The next Commission meeting will be held February 20, 2002. At noon today, we will hold a ceremony to accept the painting "Birth Of Our Nation's Flag" in Memorial Hall to be followed by a luncheon.

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Klein adjourned the meeting at 11:45AM. Dr. Lawrence moved, Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion for adjournment