

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION
JUNE 19, 2002
MINUTES

A meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission was held on June 19, 2002, in the Board Room of the State Museum, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The following commissioners were present: Chairman Janet S. Klein; Vice Chairman William A. Cornell; Dr. James Adovasio; Senator Allyson Y. Schwartz; Jennifer Black, representing Senator Allyson Y. Schwartz; Ms. Fran Cleaver, representing Senator Edwin G. Holl; Representative Thomas C. Corrigan; Ms. Nancy Kolb; Dr. Brian Mitchell; Dr. John W. Lawrence; Representative Stephen R. Maitland; Dr. LeRoy Patrick; Mr. Allen M. Wenger, and Mr. Gary D. Wolfe. The following staff were present: Brent D. Glass, Executive Director; Doreen McCall, Chief Counsel; Anita Blackaby; Jean Cutler; John Robinson; Edith Walsh; Gloria Schleicher; Frank Suran; John Wesley and Donna Williams. Patrick Foltz represented Preservation Pennsylvania, and Marcia Gobrecht represented the Pennsylvania Heritage Society.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Klein called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2002 COMMISSION MEETING

Chairman Klein asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Dr. Patrick pointed out that there was a misspelling of the word "principle". Dr. Glass said that it would be corrected. Chairman Klein mentioned a typo on page 5. It should read, "that she would see that a letter would go out." Dr. Cornell moved that the minutes be approved; seconded by Brian Mitchell. The minutes were approved with corrections as noted.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Klein presented her report. She referred to the Pennsylvania Founder's Award on June 13, saying that it was a wonderful event with lots of love and enjoyment and singing and laughter. The second accomplishment this past month was the re-accreditation of Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve. She mentioned that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission made the preserve a placed property in 1997. This is the only placed property that is accredited. Mrs. Klein also reminded the Commissioners that they could be reimbursed for any Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission related expenses. Finally, she provided a brief recap of the work session of May 22, 2002. She summarized the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission's responsibility in handling controversial and sensitive issues. Some points made were that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission should interpret objectively not editorially; be truthful but tasteful; be sure to tell the complete story; bring the ideas to the commissioners for their early review; be sure to consider that families come to the exhibits; be dispassionate in interpretation of historic events; and avoid allowing artifacts in our own collections to create the exhibits.

IV. STAFF REPORTS

Chairman Klein mentioned the staff reports and asked if there were any comments. She asked John Robinson about the survey he did on the electronic bulletin. John Robinson did a survey of about 1800 people who receive the bulletin. About 35 responded to the survey and most of the responses were positive.

Dr. Patrick brought up the subject of the Altoona Railroaders Museum. Dr. Glass responded that he has spoken to Cummins McNitt, Director of the Altoona Railroaders Museum, to Representative Geist, and to Randy Cooley, director of the Heritage Commission of Southwestern Pennsylvania. A number of ideas were discussed to make the museum more financially stable but the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission was not asked to do anything specific. Dr. Glass tried to encourage them not to expect to raise additional revenue through admission fees but to try to diversify their sources of revenue. They have had to decrease their staff and reduce their expenditures and they were talking about reducing their operating hours on a seasonal basis. Dr. Glass stated that he felt that this was something that the Commission should be concerned about because this is one of the largest history museums in Pennsylvania. They apply for and do receive grants from the Commission.

Dr. Patrick asked about the National Park Service and the National Industrial History Museum in Bethlehem. Dr. Glass stated that Bethlehem Steel Works has supported a new National Museum of Industrial History, proposed for a 160-acre site in South Bethlehem. But since Bethlehem Steel declared bankruptcy last year, many of the buildings and equipment that they were going to donate may be considered as assets and used for liquidation of their debts. Some federal money has been requested from the Department of Defense because of the historic role that Bethlehem Steel played in providing materials for the armed forces. Dr. Glass stated that he recently toured the site and feels that it is of national if not international significance, given what has survived there from the mid 19th century to the mid 20th century.

Chairman Klein asked Frank Suran to speak about the first Pennsylvania Heritage Award to be given on History Day. Frank Suran stated that Diane Reed and Michael O'Malley reviewed the submissions and gave two awards. He indicated this award would continue in the future. Chairman Klein mentioned scanning the National Register files from the Bureau for Historic Preservation for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission website and noted that when Jean Cutler announced this to the State Historic Preservation Board, the board was very enthusiastic.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Dr. Glass wanted to clarify for the minutes that the May 22nd work session was for discussion only; no vote was taken on the issue of sensitive exhibit topics. Dr. Glass stated that the renovations to the State Museum and the Archives will begin in July 2002. Contracts have been awarded. They are just waiting for the contracts to be signed and the comptroller's office to verify that there is money for the renovations. There is a capital budget bill to be sent through the legislature next week. The full amount of the authorization is \$58 million for infrastructure and \$22 million for exhibits. We have 10 design proposals for the exhibit program. They are to be reviewed and an award is to be given to the successful proposers sometime in the summer for \$11 million, for design and fabrication. Dr. Glass mentioned a newspaper headline suggesting stating that the Museum was closed and asked the Commissioners to make sure they tell their friends that the State Museum is open despite the article. One of the highlights that Dr. Glass wanted to mention from the past month was the Pennsylvania Industries for the Blind and Handicapped (PIBH) annual dinner. PIBH acknowledged the agencies who work with disabled Pennsylvanians. Dr. Glass mentioned that the repainting of the Pennsylvania

Historical and Museum Commission markers are done by a group of people with disabilities in Mercer County. Ed Caldwell, who does all of the hand painting on the markers, received the PIBH's top award at this dinner. Dr. Glass felt that a separate resolution would be appropriate for Mr. Caldwell in recognition of the award he received. Nancy Kolb made the motion; seconded by Dr. Lawrence. (See Attachment A)

Dr. Glass commented on legislation. One bill that passed recently was to convey property from the Ambridge School District to the Commission for the visitor center at Old Economy Village. The Commission had been leasing the property from Ambridge for the last few years. Now it will belong to the Commission.

House Bill 2131, the bookstore legislation, which amends the state history code, has been delayed because of an additional amendment being offered through the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference to exempt church property from designation for historic preservation purposes. The main issue is a dispute in Pittsburgh over the designation of at least one Catholic Church by the Pittsburgh Historical Review Commission. The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference was asked to intervene by the Pittsburgh diocese. When Dr. Glass talked to Bob O'Hara, the director of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, he said that some of his constituents were concerned about this type of designation. The Catholic Conference is objecting to this and is using the state history code as a vehicle to make their objection known. Dr. Glass offered to meet with Mr. O'Hara and the parties in Pittsburgh to see if they could figure out what the real issues were and if they could resolve this without the legislation. Representative Corrigan asked if there wasn't a similar issue in Lancaster a few years ago. Dr. Glass stated that he wasn't sure if it was in Lancaster but that there was an issue in Philadelphia

a few years ago that was resolved by the Commission. That issue involved separate legislation to exempt religious properties from historic designation. Nancy Kolb asked if the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission made churches eligible for the Keystone Preservation Grant program. Chairman Klein answered yes. Nancy Kolb noted that if the churches have been made eligible for grants, how could they now ask to be exempt from historical designation? Nancy Kolb noted that many Keystone Grant applications have come in and have been for churches. Dr. Glass stated that one point of confusion could be that when we designate a property for the National Register, which is eligible for the Keystone Grant, we are applying federal guidelines. But we are now talking about local designation, which is authorized through the municipal code. He asked for a copy of the amendment but has not received one yet.

Senator Schwartz asked about the timing of passing the bookstore legislation and what would happen if it does not get passed in time. Dr. Glass said we would have to extend the memorandum of agreement with DGS, but if we could not get the legislation resolved, we should turn the bookstore operations back over to DGS. Senator Schwartz asked if the revenues go to the general fund or us. Dr. Glass answered that they go to support the bookstore operation.

Other legislation: the conveyance of land at Bushy Run Battlefield and Eckley Miners' Village are on third consideration with the Senate.

House Bill 2345 is an effort to ask for an increase to the tipping fee for solid waste disposal with \$1.00 of the \$6.00 to be devoted to urban conservation projects including the grant program for historic homesite preservation.

Dr. Glass stated that we received a \$110,000 grant from the William Penn Foundation for the Pennsbury Manor campaign.

Dr. Glass mentioned the issues regarding Independence Park. One issue concerned the archaeological artifacts at the park. The National Park Service (NPS) and the National Constitution Center are working together on this. Our role is more in the terms of the State Preservation Office rather than issuing a statement. Dr. Lawrence stated we need to nag the NPS to be effective and not depend only on the National Constitution Center. Dr. Glass replied that we would comment in response to a letter we received by the NPS on this subject.

The second issue concerned the script for the new Liberty Bell Pavilion that is under review by the NPS. The script has not been reviewed by anyone outside the NPS. Dr. Cornell asked if it would not be best if the NPS heard our concerns before they made any decisions on the exhibit. Dr. Glass agreed.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Chairman Klein then moved on to the financial report and asked for any questions. There were no comments or questions. She stated that the report will be filed.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Historic Preservation Board

Chairman Klein asked for a report on membership of the Historic Preservation Board. Dr. Glass mentioned Dr. James Adovasio and Emanuel Kelly would be ending their terms. He recommended that Diane Shaw and Jacqueline Wiggins be appointed to the board and recommended Richard Webster, June Evans, Larry Glasco, Paul Heberling, Peter Kaplan, Dick Levengood, and Lynda Waggoner for reappointment. Chairman

Klein mentioned that the board does not want to lose Dr. Adovasio and according to the by-laws, Chairman Klein and Dr. Adovasio can attend as co-liaisons of the Commission. Dr. Lawrence made a motion to accept Dr. Glass's recommendations for new members and for reappointments. These recommendations will be sent to the Governor for approval. Dr. Mitchell seconded it. Motion carried.

06.02.01 BE IT RESOLVED that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission approves the recommendation of Diane Shaw and Jacqueline Wiggins be appointed to the Historic Preservation Board and re-appointment of Richard Webster, June Evans, Larry Glasco, Paul Herberling, Peter Kaplan, Dick Levensgood, and Lynda Waggoner for reappointment.

Dr. Glass reported that at their meeting in June, the Historic Preservation Board approved twelve historic properties and districts for nomination to the National Register. Chairman Klein welcomed Patrick Foltz, Director of Preservation Pennsylvania. Chairman Klein reported that David Schuyler, chairman of the Historic Preservation Board, could not attend the Commission meeting and asked that she report for him. He plans to attend the September Commission meeting. She noted that the board met at State College for two days. The first day was devoted to a planning retreat and included Patrick Foltz of Preservation Pennsylvania and Adrien Fine of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. One major strategic goal resulting from the retreat is the preparation of 8 - to 10 - minute "talking point" or "power point" presentations to explain the importance of historic preservation to outside groups including teachers, developers, real estate agents, legislators and community organizations. A task force would work on this and then develop a network of speakers. Chairman Klein asked for a motion to be passed that we work along with the Preservation Board. It was moved, seconded, and approved.

B. Pennsylvania Founder's Award

Chairman Klein thanked Dr. Cornell and Edie Walsh and staff for their work on the Founder's Award. Dr. Cornell said that it was an exciting time and the presentation was a huge success, and he gave credit to the staff and the Hillman Foundation. He then turned the report over to Edie Walsh. Edie Walsh thanked Dr. Cornell, John Robinson, and Dr. Glass, as well as Andrea Fitting for nominating Mrs. Hillman. She said she hopes this event will remain as a program in the future. Chairman Klein mentioned that the Pennsylvania Manual listed the Founder's Award recipients as part of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission section.

C. Commonwealth Treasure Committee

Dr. Lawrence mentioned that there were several excellent applications for the Commonwealth Treasure designation. The Committee unanimously selected the Philadelphia Museum of Art as the recipient this year. Chairman Klein asked if there were any questions or comments. Dr. Lawrence made the motion to approve this recommendation. Nancy Kolb seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Edie Walsh and John Robinson were to be going to the Philadelphia Museum on June 26 to discuss the date for the ceremony, which will probably be September or October of this year.

D. Historic Properties Committee

Nancy Kolb stated that it has been a while since admission fees have been discussed. The recommendations were mailed to the Commissioners prior to this

meeting. We are planning an increase in fees at the sites and museums in time for the summer visitation season to see how attendance is affected. The family admission is no longer in effect and the youth and adult categories have been restructured. The school group fee will be increased and an additional free day will be added to the sites. Dr. Lawrence asked to move on the approval and implementation of this report. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

06.02.02 BE IT RESOLVED, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission approve the attached schedule of admission fees for historic sites and museums operated by the Commission. This schedule is effective on July 1, 2002 and should be reviewed after six months to determine its effectiveness. (See Attachment B)

Chairman Klein asked Dr. Glass to explain where the how the fees are used. Dr. Glass answered that revenue from admission fees goes into the Preservation Fund, which supports a number of different activities, including seasonal staff, marketing, information technology, interns, and scholars in residence. All of the revenue stays with the Commission. Dr. Glass mentioned that we can also license some of our programs to the associate groups and that they can charge a fee and keep the revenues. They must submit an annual plan to the commission explaining how they will be using this money. This money stays at the site to help with programs. Chairman Klein thanked Ms. Kolb and her committee for their work, and Ms. Kolb thanked the staff for a very thorough report.

E. Grants Committee

Chairman Klein thanked Ira Smith and his staff for the work they have done. She also thanked the peer panelists and Dr. Lawrence and Representative Maitland, chairs; and Dr. Fitting, chair of the marketing grants panel. The members of the grants committee are Representative Maitland, Mr. Wolfe, Dr. Patrick, Dr. Lawrence, and Mrs.

Klein. The general operating support panels and the Keystone Grant panels still need to meet. Mrs. Klein explained the “spending plan” allocations to each grant category that was sent in the packets for the Commission meeting. This does not include the Keystone Grant because the funding is from a different source.

Ms. Kolb mentioned that she is concerned about the reduction in recommended funding for general operating support grants for museums and for museum project grants. Dr. Glass explained that we received a much larger number of applications this year for archives and records grants and that we also expect to receive more federal funds in this category.

Mrs. Klein noted that the grant allocation report is made with the assumption that there will be no change to the governor’s proposed budget. If there are any changes, the grants committee will review the allocations report and make adjustments. Last year the Commission gave the committee approval to make these changes but no changes were necessary because there were no changes to the budget. We are recommending the same procedure this year. Ms. Kolb moved to approve the Grant Allocations report. Dr. Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion carried (See Attachment C).

The second report described the procedure of ranking grant applications in each project category (museums, archives and records, local history, and historic preservation). These were distributed. Mrs. Klein said the grants committee reviewed the panel recommendations in each category for project grants and voted to approve these recommendations. She asked the Commissioners to take some time to review the rankings for each project grant category. After the Commissioners reviewed these

recommendations, Dr. Cornell moved approval of the reports as recommended. Mr. Wenger seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Kolb abstained from the vote.

Mrs. Klein noted the list of Matching Marketing Grants and the list of subventions that were distributed to Commissioners. She also noted that the recommendation for an economic impact study for historic preservation was approved in concept only. A non-profit organization must submit an appropriate proposal for review by the Grants Committee. She stated that Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission staff had asked for a policy that all but one panelist in each project category rotate off the panel each year and a new panelist be assigned in order to bring different points of view. Dr. Cornell made the motion to approve. Dr. Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Klein announced that this fall we would be hosting two or three receptions to recognize recipients and promote the grants program.

F. Annual Work Plan Review Committee

Mrs. Klein said that this plan was based on past strategic plans and policies of the Commission and that this is a draft. The review committee, Dr. Lawrence, Dr. Adovasio, Dr. Patrick, Dr. Glass, and Mrs. Klein, met by conference call. The items that have been completed or discontinued will be pulled from the report and listed separately. Typos and inconsistencies will be corrected. Substantive additions to the draft were discussed and will be included in the final version. Dr. Glass discussed “Imagine PA” and how the need for training will affect the daily operations of the Commission. John Wesley was asked to elaborate. He stated that one form of training will be basic training of computers for those who are not very familiar with them; the second form will be the actual

“Imagine PA training.” Ms. Kolb made the motion to accept the draft work plan. Dr. Lawrence seconded the motion. (See Attachment D)

Mrs. Klein asked if there were any other questions or concerns. Ms. Kolb stated that there should be periodic reports on the status of the accreditation process. Dr. Cornell said that there are too many abbreviations in the minutes and reports and that some Commissioners do not know what they mean. Dr. Cornell stated that he and Dr. Lawrence are on the Publications Committee, and they have made many recommendations, that seem to have been ignored. Dr. Cornell thinks that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission should have a program at which we explain to other organizations what programs the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission has other than the Historic Preservation Bureau. Mrs. Klein said that could be added as a separate education program, and she will have the committee and Dr. Glass discuss all these recommendations. Mrs. Klein asked for a vote to approve the annual plan draft and that the Commissioners would review the final plan in September. Motion approved.

VIII. COURTESY RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Klein called for a motion to approve courtesy resolutions for Dr. Lester Kieft, Professor of Chemistry, Emeritus at Bucknell University; James M. Adovasio, PhD, member of the Historic Preservation Board; Diane Windham Shaw, member of the Pennsylvania State Historical Records Advisory Board; and Ruth C. Carter, PhD, member of the Pennsylvania State Historical Records Advisory Board. Motioned by Dr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Kolb. Motion approved. The following resolutions were approved:

06.02.03 **WHEREAS**, James M. Adovasio, PhD., has served faithfully as a member of the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Board for six years; and

WHEREAS, James M. Adovasio's expertise in prehistoric archaeology has been invaluable in consideration of historic preservation policy issues as well as in evaluating the significance of properties proposed for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, James M. Adovasio will be ending his service as a member of the Historic Preservation Board in September 2002; and

WHEREAS, James M. Adovasio has been faithful in aiding and assisting the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission and the Commonwealth in promoting historic preservation throughout Pennsylvania;

NOW THEREFORE, the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission recognizes the extraordinary personal and professional contribution of James D. Adovasio, PhD., to historic preservation in Pennsylvania, and expresses its appreciation for his exemplary service on the Historic Preservation Board.

06.02.04 **WHEREAS**, Ruth C. Carter, PhD., has served faithfully as a member of the Pennsylvania State Historical Records Advisory Board from 1997 to 2002; and

WHEREAS, Ruth C. Carter has consistently provided assistance with board-sponsored activities and events, especially in regard to the board's new strategic plan, *Documenting Pennsylvania and Its Peoples*, and the five-year Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, Ruth C. Carter ended her service as a member of the Pennsylvania State Historical Records Advisory Board in March 2002; and

WHEREAS, Ruth C. Carter has been faithful in aiding and assisting the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and the Commonwealth in promoting the preservation of Pennsylvania's documentary heritage;

NOW THEREFORE, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission expresses its deep appreciation to Ruth C. Carter, PhD., for all her efforts on behalf of the Pennsylvania State Historical Records Advisory Board and recognizes her extraordinary professional commitment to preserving and promoting our documentary heritage.

06.02.05 **WHEREAS**, Diane Windham Shaw has served faithfully as a member of the Pennsylvania State Historical Records Advisory Board from 1992 to 2002; and

WHEREAS, Diane Windham Shaw has consistently provided assistance with board-sponsored activities and events, especially in regard to the board's new strategic plan, *Documenting Pennsylvania and Its Peoples*, and the five-year Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, Diane Windham Shaw ended her service as a member of the Pennsylvania State Historical Records Advisory Board in March 2002; and

WHEREAS, Diane Windham Shaw has been faithful in aiding and assisting the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and the Commonwealth in promoting the preservation of Pennsylvania's documentary heritage;

NOW THEREFORE, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission expresses its deep appreciation to Diane Windham Shaw for all her efforts on behalf of the Pennsylvania State Historical Records Advisory Board and recognizes her extraordinary professional commitment to preserving and promoting our documentary heritage.

06.02.06 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Lester Kieft, Professor of Chemistry, Emeritus at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, early in his teaching career, developed an interest in the life and achievements of Joseph Priestley, English theologian, educator, political theorist and natural philosopher; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Dr. Kieft has admired and honored the spirit of Joseph Priestley's wide-ranging intellectual curiosity, and has been an advocate for educational and community outreach opportunities centered on the eighteenth-century laboratory at Joseph Priestley House in Northumberland, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kieft served as "Priestley Chairman" of the Joseph Priestley Bicentennial Commemoration, part of the Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society in 1974, during which Dr. Paul J. Flory, Professor of Chemistry at Stanford University, received the Society's highest award, the Priestley Medal, at Joseph Priestley House; and

WHEREAS, he worked together with the American Chemical Society, Columbia University, Corning Glass Works, Dickinson College, Fisher Scientific Company, the Smithsonian Institution, and the University of Maryland to create reproductions of Joseph Priestley's laboratory equipment for display at Priestley House as a Centennial Project of the American Chemical Society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kieft served as Co-Chairman of the Committee on the Restoration of the Joseph Priestley Laboratory for the American Chemical Society Centennial in 1976; and

WHEREAS, he single-handedly lobbied the U.S. Postal Service for sixteen years and was successful in his endeavor in 1983 when the Postal Service issued a 20-cent commemorative U.S. postage stamp to honor Joseph Priestley on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of his birth; and

WHEREAS, he authored the monograph *Joseph Priestley and the Priestley House* and presented the Friends of Joseph Priestley House with a deed of gift for the intellectual property rights to the publication which continues as a popular introduction to Priestley's life and his American home; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lester Kieft has continually sought to advance interest in Joseph Priestley and Priestley House within the modern-day scientific community including scholars, chemists, teachers and students through symposiums, commemorative programs, and lectures, as well as within the greater community through presentations to school and regional civic groups;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, on the occasion of his receipt of the Joseph Priestley Service Award from the Susquehanna Valley Section of the American Chemical Society, recognize Dr. Lester Kieft for his Outstanding Service to Joseph Priestley House, thank him for his vision, dedication, and enthusiasm, and acknowledge his tireless efforts to preserve and promote Joseph Priestley House as a "link with our past" and a landmark in Pennsylvania history.

IX. STATUS REPORT

A. Donor Recognition Policies

During the summer, Dr. Glass will distribute to the committee (Dr. Mitchell, Dr. Fitting, Ms. Kolb, Chairman Klein) summaries of policies of other institutions.

B. Policy and Procedures Manual

By July 8 Dr. Glass will update of the Policy and Procedures Manual with policies that are not currently in the existing manual. Mrs. Klein and Dr. Glass will go over the manual in late August to correct grammar and incorrect category placements and spelling mistakes.

C. Historical Markers

Representative Maitland and the Historical Markers staff will meet on July 8 to go over guidelines.

Mrs. Klein asked if there was an update on the theft from Anthracite Heritage Museum. Dr. Glass and Donna Williams both stated that they had not heard anything on this.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Adovasio was asked if he had any comments to make on the archaeological guidelines. He stated that he had given his comments to Mrs. Klein and Dr. Glass. Mrs. Klein commented that the title must be corrected. The word “certification” must be deleted.

Mrs. Klein asked Dr. Glass to comment on the Day of Remembrance. Dr. Glass stated that all across the country, museums have agreed to give free admission on September 11, 2002, during regular operating hours. Dr. Glass would like the Commission to approve our sites being open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on this day. Somerset Historical Center will have the mementos from the memorial in Shanksville; the State Museum will have an exhibit remembering the events of September 11, 2001; and the Brandywine Battlefield Park will have special events, since that is the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Brandywine. Dr. Adovasio made the motion to observe the Day of Remembrance. Ms. Kolb seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Dr. Glass said that Congressman Murtha has submitted legislation for a federal commission to design a permanent memorial in Somerset County. Dr. Patrick asked if the site was privately owned. Dr. Glass stated that it is a farm and a reclaimed coal mine

owned by three families. Chairman Klein encouraged everyone to visit the crash site memorial and then to go to the Somerset Historical Center to view the mementos that have been left at the site. Dr. Patrick asked if we would be involved in any activities on the day of remembrance. Dr. Glass stated that he did not know of any activities to take place but that we would try to be involved if possible. Ms. Kolb suggested that if we hear of any activities that they should be put onto the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission website.

XI NEW BUSINESS

A. Meeting Schedule FY 2002-03

Chairman Klein stated that each June a meeting schedule is set for the next fiscal year. Ms. Kolb made a motion to approve the schedule distributed by Mrs. Klein. Dr. Adovasio seconded. Motion carried. (See Attachment E)

B. Mrs. Klein asked Jean Cutler to report on local historic districts. Ms. Kolb moved for approval for the expansion of the York Historic District. Dr. Adovasio seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Dr. Adovasio talked about his visit to a National Park Service (NPS) conference in Phoenix on Native American claims on museums for unaffiliated cultural remains and objects. This is pursuant to the passage of the Native American Graves Protection Act of 1990. If we have skeletal remains or funerary goods at the State Museum and a Native American group claims them, they may be entitled to them. Now they are asking museums to return unaffiliated remains. The archaeological and museum communities objected to this. The NPS is going to publish a series of recommendations, which will in effect reject the Native American claims for unaffiliated materials. They

are going to recommend to all museums in the United States that they develop a policy for handling these claims on a case-by-case basis. This will probably be a highly controversial matter over the next few years. Anita Blackaby asked if we should develop this policy now or wait until September when the NPS issues their recommendations. Dr. Adovasio stated that there would be a 90-day comment period so that everyone affected can give his or her input. This should be an addition to the work plan. Dr. Lawrence said that he believes that there should be a tentative policy in place before the NPS issues their recommendations. He moved that we begin developing our policy now. Motion seconded by Dr. Mitchell.

Ms. Kolb mentioned that there would be quite a few museums in Pennsylvania that would be affected by this and that the Commission should not rush into this without consulting with other museums. Anita Blackaby agreed with this but that it may be unrealistic to think that a policy would be in place by September. Ms. Kolb suggested that Rick West of the National Museum of the American Indian might be a big help to us with this.

Dr. Mitchell asked Chairman Klein if she would be open to an amendment suggesting that Dr. Adovasio and Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission staff would develop the policy in consultation with other Pennsylvania museums. Motion seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Klein asked Dr. Adovasio if he would be able to have an update by the September meeting. He said yes. Anita Blackaby said that the Commission has procedures to deal with the affiliated remains but not on the unaffiliated remains.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Klein made an announcement about marker dedications and asked if anyone could be present at the dedications. Mr. Wenger said he could do the Pennsylvania Chatauqua Marker dedication on August 3rd. Dr. Adovasio said he could do the Otto Maya Marker dedication in Erie. Ms. Kolb will be able to do the Tomas Garrigue Masaryk Marker dedication on July 23rd.

Chairman Klein stated that since there will not be a meeting until September, she has asked Dr. Glass to send the commissioners the monthly reports for July, August, and September.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Lawrence moved for adjournment, seconded by Dr. Mitchell. Meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.