

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION
APRIL 16, 2003
MINUTES

A meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission was held on April 16, 2003 in the Board Room of the State Museum, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The following Commissioners were present: Representative Thomas C. Corrigan, Representative Stephen Maitland and Teresa Colarusso representing Senator Allyson Schwartz. Chairman Janet S. Klein, Dr. William A. Cornell, Senator Jane Earll, Dr. Andrea Fitting, Ms. Nancy Kolb and Dr. Leroy Patrick joined by conference call. Dr. James M. Adovasio, Dr. Brian C. Mitchell and Mr. Gary D. Wolfe were not present. The following staff was present: John Wesley, Interim Executive Director; Doreen McCall, Chief Counsel; Anita Blackaby, Jean Cutler, Frank Suran, Donna Williams and Marilyn Levin. Marcia Gobrecht represented the Pennsylvania Heritage Society.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Klein called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed Senator Jane Earll as a new member of PHMC. He is hopeful that the Senator in many ways can help support and provide direction to the Commission.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2003

Chairman Klein asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Dr. Cornell moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Representative Corrigan. The minutes were approved.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Klein thanked Dr. Mitchell for his memo to the Commission. Chairman Klein reported that due to the cancellation of the March 19th meeting she and Mr. Wesley decided to

take certain actions in a timely way as she described; to approve the recommendations of the Scholars in Residence panel so that letters of acceptance could be mailed.

Dr. Cornell moved that the Scholars in Residence recommendations be approved, Dr. Patrick seconded. The Scholars in Residence Panel recommendations were approved. (ATTACHMENT A)

Second, to prepare courtesy resolutions and mailed them to the families of Baylen Kaskey, Chairman of the HARB CLG Committee and Dr. John W. Lawrence, Commissioner.

Ms. Kolb moved that the courtesy resolutions be approved, Representative Maitland seconded. Courtesy resolutions were approved. (ATTACHMENT B)

Third, to mail letters of notification to the applicants for Certified Local Government grants in the amounts they requested.

Dr. Cornell moved that the applications for the Certified Local Government grants be approved, Representative Maitland seconded. Motion carried unanimously to approve the Certified Local Government Applications. (ATTACHMENT C)

Chairman Klein also reported that the draft mission statement for the Bureau for Historic Preservation be considered final and will be filed in the Commission Policy and Procedures manual.

Ms. Kolb moved that the draft mission statement for the Bureau for Historic Preservation be final, Representative Corrigan seconded. Motion carried unanimously to approve the mission statement for the Bureau for Historic Preservation.

IV. STAFF REPORTS

At this time Chairman Klein asked if there were any comments on the Staff Reports.

Chairman Klein asked Ms. Levin to report on House Bill 951 Tax Reform Code and House Bill 952.

Mr. Wesley commented that both Ms. Levin and Ms. Cutler would report on House Bill 951 and 952.

Ms. Cutler reported that House Bill 951 provides a 20% state tax credit to owner residents rehabilitating historically significant properties and was introduced by Representative Tangretti. House Bill 952 was introduced by Representative Frankel and provides a 20% state tax credit on rehabilitation of historically significant income producing properties. Ms. Cutler believes that the Commission should support both House Bills. Pennsylvania is in the top three of all states for having a strong federal rehabilitation income tax credit program.

Chairman Klein asked what the time frame is for both House Bills. Ms. Cutler said that it depends on how the legislature votes, how much interest there is and how concerned the administration is with both the House Bills.

Mrs. Kolb asked if the Governor's Office commented on the House Bills. Ms. Levin reported that the Governor's Office is waiting on the Commission to give its opinion. Both House Bills are in the beginning stages they were just sent to the Committee and could take another two years to be passed.

Mrs. Kolb believes that it would be appropriate for the Commission to say while the House Bills are in the early stages it sounds like a good idea because it does not involve any additional state funding. The tax credit program has worked well in the Federal Government.

Representative Corrigan, Representative Maitland and Senator Earll all commented that given our current budget year they wouldn't expect the bills to pass this year.

Chairman Klein asked if Ms. Cutler was working with Preservation Pennsylvania for their analysis of the two House Bills. Ms. Cutler reported that she has not had a chance to read their analysis. Ms. Cutler and Ms. Levin will review both House Bills and create a statement for the Commission.

Chairman Klein commented that at the next Commission Meeting we could have an update on this issue.

Chairman Klein asked Ms. Blackaby and Dr. Patrick to report on “Testing the Waters: Integrating Pittsburgh’s Public Pools” exhibit and Dr. Patrick’s lecture.

Dr. Patrick said he enjoyed his opportunity to speak on something he participated in 50 years ago. The group was very receptive to the remarks made by Dr. Patrick. He was pleased with the exhibit. Chairman Klein commented that she also enjoyed the program as well.

Ms. Blackaby thanked Dr. Patrick for participating. Everyone appreciated his remarks on his efforts to desegregate the swimming pools in Pittsburgh. We are also looking at venues for traveling the exhibit to the Pittsburgh communities.

V. INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Wesley reported on the Governor’s Budget that was released for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. He said that we are analyzing the budget and have developed a couple different funding modules for next year. We are not locked into those modules; we are waiting to see what the final budget outcome will be. It will be a sparse year for any new initiatives and we are going to take a close look at salary and wage positions.

The Maintenance Appropriation is another program that will be affected. Mr. Wesley has talked with the Budget Office about this issue and is not optimistic that this could be restored. This is something we are going to have to look into beginning July 1, 2003.

Mr. Wesley reported that the grants program was increased by \$150,000. Another issue he mentioned in terms of next year's budget is that we are also going to face some posterity in the Federal Appropriations in the Historic Preservation Act funding, approximately \$250,000 over the current funding level.

Mr. Wesley reported on the U.S. Naval Home in Philadelphia. We are optimistic on the outcome of the home. He gave credit to the Bureau for Historic Preservation staff for working very quickly with the developer and Toll Brothers. Mr. Wesley believes the Governor has been monitoring this project and supports the Commission in restoring the facility.

Mr. Wesley attended Preservation Action Day in Washington with other members of the Pennsylvania historic preservation coalition. He met with congressional members and staff to lobby for funding and program support.

Mr. Wesley has discussed with the Governor's Office on the search for the Executive Director position. Mr. Wesley was given the authority to make announcements in trade magazines simply because the magazines were on deadline for publication. We are currently advertising in AVISO, AASHL, and Organization of American Historians and on their websites. The Governor's Office has been very supportive of this issue and would like to conduct a professional search.

Mr. Wesley commented that by the next Commission meeting we will see progress on the search for Executive Director.

Chairman Klein asked if anyone has contacted Nancy Shamu at the National Council of State Historic Preservation Officers. She is offering to send an announcement regarding the position of Executive Director to all 50 states. Mr. Wesley agreed that we would contact them.

Mr. Wesley said that if there is not a major response to the advertisements that we may consider to run an ad in one of the major east coast newspapers.

Dr. Patrick is there has been any discussion on salary. Mr. Wesley reported that the position is bound by the Executive Board's governing salaries for compensation. There has been some discussion that the Governor is looking at ways in which agencies could augment salaries through outside sources.

Mr. Wesley reported that the kickoff of explorepahistory.com will be held on April 30th in the Capitol Rotunda. Judge Marjorie Rendell will preside.

Dr. Patrick asked what the visitation was for History Day and Charter Day for the sites. Ms. Williams reported that 9,500 people visited the sites. This figure is down from last year but visitation is always weather dependant. Mr. Suran reported that there was an increase for the Harrisburg based events.

Mr. Wesley thanked Dr. Cornell for his work on this project.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT

Chairman Klein asked for any comments or questions on the Financial Report. There were no comments or questions. She stated that the reports would be filed.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Historical Markers

Representative Maitland reported that at the Historical Marker Panel meeting 29 markers that were approved, markers that were rejected and 7 markers that need to be revised and resubmitted. Representative Maitland made a correction on page 4 of the approved markers; the Historic Match Factory is in actually in Centre County not Cumberland County.

Representative Maitland called for approval of the Historical Marker Review Panel Recommendations.

Representative Corrigan moved that the recommendations for the Historical Marker Review Panel be approved, Dr. Cornell seconded. Motion approved to accept the Historical Marker Review Panel Recommendations (ATTACHMENT D).

B. Volunteers of the Year at PHMC Sites and Museums

Ms. Williams reported that a resolution was included in the packet recognizing volunteers of the year at all of the historic sites and museums. These awards are presented every year at the Associates Forum. This year the ceremony will be held on May 17th at Daniel Boone Homestead. This program recognizes volunteers from each site for their outstanding contribution to the site.

Ms. Williams added Jane Gensel and Karen Nick should be added to the list for the State Museum.

The Outstanding Service Award is a way of recognizing people for service who may not be your typical volunteer, someone who has made a special contribution in a form of their leadership or advocacy for the site or museum.

This year we are nominating the Cornwall Iron Furnace Associates Group.

Dr. Cornell moved to approve both the Volunteer of the Year Award and Outstanding Service Award, Ms. Fitting seconded.

The following resolutions were approved:

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS NOMINATIONS 2002

04.01.03 **WHEREAS**, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission through its associate organizations has for more than 30 years been encouraging volunteer activities at its museums and historic sites, and;

WHEREAS, the collective volunteer contributions have vastly improved the quality of the public's experiences at these sites and museums and made possible a variety of high-quality public programs, and;

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission has requested from the Associate Organizations a nominee for Outstanding Volunteer Awards for 2002, and;

WHEREAS, the individual nominees submitted by these organizations have made a significant difference to the sites or museums through their creativity, commitment of time, and innovative program planning and accomplishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission that we formally recognize the following individuals as Volunteers of the Year for 2002:

Joan Judge
Anthracite Heritage Museum & Scranton Iron Furnaces Associates

Judy Thorpe
Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates

Phyllis Lucas
Bushy Run Battlefield Heritage Society

Glenn & Jane Seidel
Friends of the Conrad Weiser Homestead

Cori Rife
Cornwall Iron Furnace Associates

Rosemary Ginangiacomo
Friends of Daniel Boone Homestead

Clark Hall
The Colonel, Inc.

Danny Bobby
Eckley Miners Village Associates

Dorothy Shober
Ephrata Cloister Associates

Jack & Maxine Gold
Flagship Niagara League

Patty Napoleon
Fort Pitt Museum Associates

Marie Werley
Friends of Graeme Park

Bill Lutz
Friends of Hope Lodge and Mather Mill

William J. A. VandenHeuvel
Friends of Joseph Priestley House

Rick Brouse
Landis Valley Associates

George Clark
The Harmonie Associates

Ann D'Silva
The Pennsbury Society

Robert Miller
Pennsylvania Lumber Museum Associates

David Rhoades
Friends of the Pennsylvania Military Museum

James Rose
Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania

Rose Gordon
Historical and Genealogical Society of Somerset County

Dottie Fiedler
Friends of Washington Crossing Historic Park

**RESOLUTION FOR CORNWALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS...OUTSTANDING
SERVICE AWARD**

04.02.03 **Whereas**, twenty years ago a group of interested individuals from the surrounding community gave life to the idea of forming a support group to assist the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in the preservation and interpretation of Cornwall Iron Furnace; and,

Whereas, the Cornwall Iron Furnace Associates maintained their commitment to a National Historic Landmark for two decades and recently experienced renewed interest in the site; and,

Whereas, the Board of Directors has shown considerable enthusiasm, energy, and vitality in the development of Cornwall Iron Furnace during the past few years; and,

Whereas, the Cornwall Iron Furnace Associates recently doubled their active volunteer corps, increased their income and earned revenue by 200%, successfully acquired a \$100,000 grant for the design and installation of new visitor orientation exhibit; refreshed their gift sales program, turning it into a first rate museum store; and,

Whereas, the Board of Directors has worked as a team united, demonstrating exemplary support of the PHMC program and sustained an admirable level of passion and dedication for making Cornwall Iron Furnace a world class historic site for a broad audience,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission recognizes the work of the Board of Directors of the Cornwall Iron Furnace with the Outstanding Service Award at the 2003 Associates Forum. The Board of Directors have put forth a remarkable team effort and serve as a role model for others. Their vision, their spirit, their collective excitement about the site and its future, and their pursuit of a harmonious partnership with the PHMC have made a major difference at Cornwall Iron Furnace. The members of the Cornwall Iron Furnace Associates Board of Directors have indeed provided outstanding service to the PHMC and are deserving of heartiest congratulations and appreciation.

C. Grants

Ms. Cutler reported that she and Ira Smith have been working on a spending plan for the grants program. At the June meeting we hope to have approval of the spending plan for the grants program and be able to have approval for four project grant lists.

Chairman Klein asked for an update on the Keystone Grants. Ms. Cutler reported that it was decided that those projects that had been given an extension for a year past the due date were renewed. If they were not completed, a letter was sent to inform those people that they had not finished their projects and that we are not going to extend their grant and we would retain the unexpended money.

Ms. Cutler reported that the Historic Preservation Board meeting was held last month. She mentioned that there were seven nominations presented to the Historic Preservation Board. Six of the seven were unanimously approved. One nomination was tabled for the Dr. Thomas R. Kerr House.

Chairman Klein added that the Historic Preservation Board has the mandated authority by the Federal Government to nominate properties and districts to the National Register.

VIII. COURTESY RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Klein called for a motion to approve courtesy resolution for Representative Matthew Ryan. On motion by Representative Maitland, seconded by Dr. Fitting, the following courtesy resolution was approved:

04.03.03 **WHEREAS**, Matthew J. Ryan was an American patriot and a dedicated Pennsylvanian revered for his integrity and compassion; and

WHEREAS, Matthew J. Ryan served his country with honor as a First Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Matthew J. Ryan was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1961; and

WHEREAS Matthew J. Ryan was the second longest serving member in the history of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Matthew J. Ryan served as Speaker of the House first in 1981 and again from 1995 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, Matthew J. Ryan was particularly instrumental in the restoration and preservation of the Pennsylvania State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Matthew J. Ryan was a great friend of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and will truly be missed,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners and Staff Members of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission are deeply saddened by the passing of Speaker Ryan; and therefore

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that they wish to express their most heartfelt sympathy to Judge Patricia H. Jenkins and their five children and twelve grandchildren.

Mr. Wesley reported that a few years ago the Commission had an opportunity to acquire adjacent property at Bushy Run Battlefield through the Western Conservancy. There is now another parcel of property available adjacent property. We would like to request the

Commission's approval to move forward with and work with the Western Conservancy to acquire this property.

On motion by Dr. Patrick, seconded by Dr. Fitting the following resolution was approved:

04.04.03 The Commissioner's support the staff request to move forward to acquire the adjacent property at Bushy Run Battlefield.

Chairman Klein asked if there will be a cost to the Commission for this land acquisition. Ms. Williams reported that the last property that the Commission acquired the first parcel, the Commission raised most of the money through private sources in the Pittsburgh area. A Keystone grant of \$100,000 was given for this acquisition. It would be appropriate to consider another grant this time.

Chairman Klein called for a motion to approve courtesy resolutions for Local Awards for the Conference on Black History in Pennsylvania. On a motion by Dr. Cornell, seconded by Dr. Patrick, the following resolutions were approved:

04.05.03 WHEREAS, Diane Boone, a resident of Scranton, Pennsylvania, has created, edits and publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, the Melanian, which debuted May 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Melanian newsletter serves, empowers, and educates members of Scranton's African American and Spanish-speaking communities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boone's work and efforts have served to create a bridge to understanding among Scranton's culturally diverse communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission commends and recognizes Ms. Diane Boone for her many contributions to the African American community in the Scranton area.

04.06.03 WHEREAS, Mr. Timothy Butler is a photo journalist and co-author of a Scranton Sunday Times article entitled, "Tracing the Shadows of the Underground Railroad;" and

WHEREAS, his work has created lasting impressions and meaningful understanding of significant subjects in local, state, and national history; and

WHEREAS, through his work, he has helped raise awareness of the region's historical significance within the local community and among scholars;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission commends and recognizes Mr. Timothy Butler for his many contributions to the African American community in the Scranton area.

04.07.03 WHEREAS, James W. Chester is the founder and president of the Institute for African American National Heritage; and

WHEREAS, he has served as a board member for both Family Services and the Joint Community Services Group, Treasurer for the Northeastern Network, Inc. and as Chairman of the Wyoming Valley Human Services Commission; and

WHEREAS, he has authored two books, *The African American Ethnicity* (2000) and *Manumission* (2002) and has maintained a World Wide Website, in support of the IAANH;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission commends and recognizes Mr. James W. Chester for his many contributions to the African American communities of northeastern Pennsylvania.

04.08.03 WHEREAS, Doc Cleveland has been a longtime resident of the city of Scranton and has for many years witnessed events of significance to the African American community of his city; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cleveland has shared this information with young people and others from his community, so that they might better understand their history and culture; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cleveland's keen insights and his willingness to make them available are unique resources that are essential to the preservation of the community's memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission commends and recognizes Doc Cleveland for his many contributions to the African American community of Scranton.

04.08.03 WHEREAS, Ronald L. Felton, is the president of the Wilkes-Barre Branch of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, NAACP has, since 1998, coordinated the Racial Summits in the Wyoming Valley Area to bring better understanding of the region's cultural diversity to northeastern Pennsylvania communities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Felton has provided leadership to help people in Wilkes-Barre and throughout northeastern Pennsylvania examine and correct injustices and to move the region forward in a positive and productive way;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission commends and recognizes Mr. Ronald L. Felton for his many contributions to the African American communities of northeastern Pennsylvania.

04.10.03 WHEREAS, Robert C. Hillman is a founding member and Chairman of the Unity Coalition of the Poconos and the vice president of the Monroe County Branch of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 he was recognized and honored by the National Convention of the NAACP with the Roy Wilkins Renowned Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hillman is the vice chairman of the Little Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Restoration Committee and works to preserve a church, built in 1863 in Stroudsburg, that remains an important part of the region's history;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission commends and recognizes Mr. Robert C. Hillman for his many contributions to the African American communities of northeastern Pennsylvania.

04.11.03 WHEREAS, Sandra Burgette Miller is a genealogist and local historian who has preserved and recorded the history of her family and of the history of the earliest African American community in Lackawanna County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Miller is the great-great granddaughter of Thomas Burkett, a fugitive from slavery, who settled in Waverly before the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Miller's work contributes necessary documentation to our understanding of the struggle against slavery in Pennsylvania and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Miller has helped to preserve the history of Hickory Grove Cemetery, an important monument to that struggle;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission commends and recognizes Miss Sandra Burgette Miller for her many contribution to the African American communities of the Scranton area.

04.12.03 WHEREAS, Juanita Patience Moss is the daughter of the late Charles Edgar Patience, renowned Anthracite Coal sculptor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Moss has labored to promote her father's work and preserve his contributions to local and state cultural history; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Moss is the author of *Created to Be Free*, a historical novel, and *The Battle of Plymouth, NC, April 17-20, 1864: The Last Confederate Victory*, a work of non-fiction; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Moss's work preserves the history and culture of the Scranton area and makes it available to a wide audience;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission commends and recognizes Ms. Juanita Patience Moss for her many contributions to the African American communities of the Scranton area.

04.13.03 WHEREAS, James T. Williams is a native of Scranton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams has written and published two books, *Northern Fried Chicken: An Historical Adventure into the Black Community of Scranton, PA* and *Northern Fried Chicken: a Second Helping*, that record the social and cultural history of African Americans in Scranton, and a third book, *The Greatest Bench Presser of All Times*, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams is himself an award-winning athlete and weightlifter and a role model for African American youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission commends and recognizes Mr. James T. Williams for his many contributions to the African American community of Scranton.

04.14.03 WHEREAS, Emerson I. Moss is a native of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moss's popular book, *African Americans in the Wyoming Valley, 1778-1990*, records the history of African Americans in the area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moss's research and publication efforts are useful to scholars, genealogists, local historians, and educators;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission commends and recognizes Emerson I. Moss for his many contributions to the African American communities of northeastern Pennsylvania.

04.15.03 WHEREAS, Granville Clark Smith was a native of Pennsylvania, and a graduate of Wilberforce University who relocated to Scranton in 1940; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was owner and operator of the G.W. Brown, Inc., a hauling and trucking company for 34 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was a member of the Kiwanis Club and served as a board member for the Scranton Public Library, the Boys Club of Scranton, Goodwill Industries, and the Central City Neighborhood Center; and

WHEREAS, in 1996 he was awarded the Bronze Keystone for 16 years of service to the Boys Club.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission commends and recognizes Granville Clark Smith for his many contributions to the African American community of Scranton.

04.16.03 WHEREAS, Ms. Vivian Smith has been a distinguished educator in the city of Scranton for many years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith taught in the Head Start Program of Scranton for twenty-nine years and instilled in hundreds of local families and children the importance of education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith received a certificate of educational accomplishment in 1975 from her peers to recognize her accomplishments and is a respected member of Scranton's business and professional communities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith serves with distinction as Mother of the Shiloh Baptist Church of Scranton;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission commends and recognizes Vivian Smith for her many contributions to the African American community of Scranton.

Chairman Klein called for a motion to approve the following two interim appointments to the Preservation Board, Ann Greene and Patricia Wilson-Aden, both of Philadelphia. Dr. Cornell so moved, Ms. Fitting seconded the motion. The following resolution was approved:

04.17.03 The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission recommend the following to interim appointments to the Preservation Board, Ann Greene and Patricia Wilson-Aden.

Dr. Patrick asked what the status is of the Fort Pitt Museum roof. Ms. Williams reported that contractor and DGS have negotiated an agreement for a new roof. The new roof is in the process of being installed at the moment.

IX. STATUS REPORTS

A. Executive Director Search

Mr. Wesley had already given a report on the Executive Director Search in his Interim Executive Director's report.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Maitland commented that the Historic Marker Panel is requesting an approval for a Historic Marker for Fred Rogers should an application is submitted.

Dr. Cornell moved that the Commission approve a Historic Marker for Fred Rogers, Dr. Patrick seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously for a Historic Marker for Fred Rogers.

Mr. Wesley commented that it would be appropriate for someone to complete the application to have on file.

Ms. Fitting said that she would contact Bill Eisler, CEO of Family Communication to see if he would like to be involved in this process. Mr. Wesley agreed.

Chairman Klein asked who would be responsible for paying for the marker. Mr. Wesley said that payment would be made by the local sponsor and/or the Commission. Senator Earll suggested we contact Highmark Insurance for solicitation.

Chairman Klein asked Mr. Wesley to coordinate offers made by Ms. Fitting and Senator Earll.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Cornell asked about the lack of action because of the membership on the Commission for the Founder's Day Award and Commonwealth Treasure Award. Mr. Wesley said that the Governor's Office is aware of the award programs and their deadlines. We have not received any indication from the Governor's Office how they want to proceed with the program. Mr. Wesley said he would extend another invitation to the Governor for his support of the programs.

Chairman Klein announced that a workshop for the Historic Architectural Review Board will be held on May 3 in Bellefonte.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Klein called for adjournment of the meeting. It was moved, seconded and approved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.