

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION
MARCH 17, 2004
MINUTES

A meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission was held on March 17, 2004, in the Board Room of the State Museum, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The following Commissioners were present: Wayne S. Spilove, Chairman; Rhonda R. Cohen, Dr. William A. Cornell, Representative Thomas C. Corrigan, Senator Jane Earll, Robert A. Janosov, Janet S. Klein, Dr. Brian C. Mitchell, Kathleen Pavelko, Teresa Colarusso representing Senator Allyson Schwartz and M. Clare Zales. The following staff were present: Barbara Franco, Doreen McCall, Anita Blackaby, Jean Cutler, Robert Weible, Donna Williams, Marilyn Levin, Jane Crawford, Tina Long.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Spilove called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

II. COURTESY RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Spilove called for a motion to approve the following courtesy resolution for M. Elaine Norris Parker Wright. On motion by Ms. Pavelko, seconded by Dr. Haaland, the courtesy resolution was approved.

03.04.04 WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission regretfully wishes to note the passing of one of the Commonwealth's service minded citizens and a longstanding friend to Pennsbury Manor, Elaine Wright; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Wright served the communities that she lived in throughout her life. Most recently, while residing in Bucks County, her service included such groups as the American Cancer Society, American Association of University Woman, the American Heart Association and the Pennsbury Society; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wright was involved at Pennsbury Manor over more than 25 years, and she served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsbury Society for a number of years. Elaine also served Pennsbury as the Secretary of the Board of the Pennsbury Society. She was very active in the social affairs of the Society and was a strong supporter of the fundraising dinners that were sponsored at Pennsbury. In

addition, Mrs. Wright was a staunch supporter of the Fall Forum program that was hosted annually at Pennsbury Manor; and

WHEREAS, during her time as a Board member, Elaine founded the gift shop at Pennsbury Manor. She served as the first manager of the operation and established the Manor Shop as a fine local retailer that carries items specific to Pennsbury Manor, William Penn and Lower Bucks County. The shop operation has since grown from the seeds that she planted to a point where revenues supply a major portion of the annual operating budget of the Pennsbury Society; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission acknowledges the years of dedicated service that Elaine Wright contributed to Pennsbury Manor and the Pennsbury Society, recognizes her lifelong commitment to public service, and thanks her for her commitment to her community and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Commission sends its condolences and best wishes to her family and friends.

Mr. Weible reported on the following resolution for Diane Smith Wallace. Ms. Wallace worked at the State Archives since 1982 and has retired from her position as assistant archivist on March 5, 2004.

Mr. Weible reported on three outgoing members of the Black History Advisory Committee: Derrick Cook, Margaret Jerrido and Ronald Spence.

Mr. Weible reported on two outgoing members of the Historical Marker Review Panel: Gary Bailey and Ann Fortescue.

Mr. Weible also reported on a resolution for Shirley Johnson. Ms. Johnson recently passed and was a member of the Black History Advisory Committee since 2002.

Chairman Spilove called for a motion to approve the courtesy resolutions for Diane Smith Wallace, Derrick Cook, Margaret Jerrido, Ronald Spence, Gary Bailey, Ann Fortescue and Shirley Johnson. On motion by Dr. Cornell, seconded by Ms. Cohen the following resolutions were approved:

03.05.04 WHEREAS, Diane Smith Wallace has been a full-time member of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission's staff since being hired as an assistant archivist in the State Archives on December 30, 1982; and

WHEREAS, Diane held the position of Chief of the Division of Archival and Records Management Services at the time of her retirement on March 5, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Diane worked successfully throughout her career to ensure the proper management of public records at all levels of government by providing necessary professional services to the public and to thousands of local, state, and federal officials, by developing and managing effective retention and disposition schedules, by coordinating the activities of the State Historic Records Advisory Board, by supervising the management of the Archives and Records Management grants program, and more; and

WHEREAS, Diane's work increased public awareness of the important role that archival records play in the day to day affairs of government and in the lives of ordinary citizens; and

WHEREAS, Diane was congenial, insightful, fair, and helpful to everyone with whom she came into contact, and was always a pleasure to work with; and

WHEREAS, Diane gained strong, sincere respect and professional recognition from the many archivists, records managers, public officials, historians, and genealogists with whom she worked across the state and around the country;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission commends Diane Smith Wallace for her professionalism and leadership on the occasion of her retirement from the Commission, and extends its heartfelt appreciation for her efforts on behalf of the Commission and the Commonwealth, and wishes her and her family well in her retirement.

03:06:04- Resolved, that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission expresses its gratitude to Mr. Derrick Cook for serving on its Black History Advisory Committee from 1998 to 2003. This committee has advocated the expansion of African American cultural awareness through increased and improved historical programming, and it has advised and assisted the Commission toward these ends during Mr. Cook's tenure. As a result of Mr. Cook's work, the PHMC has been better able to meet its mission of preserving and interpreting the history of all Pennsylvanians.

03.06.04 Resolved, that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission expresses its gratitude to Mr. Ronald Spence for serving on its Black History Advisory Committee from 1998 to 2003. This committee has advocated the expansion of African American cultural awareness through increased and improved historical programming, and it has advised and assisted the Commission toward these ends during Mr. Spence's tenure. As a result of Mr. Spence's work, the PHMC has been better able to meet its mission of preserving and interpreting the history of all Pennsylvanians.

03.07.04 Resolved, that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission expresses its gratitude to Ms. Margaret Jerrido for serving on its Black History Advisory Committee from 1998 to 2003. This committee has advocated the expansion of African American cultural awareness through increased and improved historical programming, and it has advised and assisted the Commission toward these ends during Ms. Jerrido's tenure. As a result of Ms. Jerrido's work, the PHMC has been better able to meet its mission of preserving and interpreting the history of all Pennsylvanians.

03.08.04 WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission expresses its gratitude to Ann Fortescue for serving on its Historical Marker Review Panel in 2003 and 2004. These panels reviewed over one-hundred-and-twenty-five historical marker nominations for compliance with Commissioners about marker approvals. Ms. Fortescue's outstanding contributions to this work have helped PHMC maintain its high professional standards while commemorating and interpreting meaningful state history to an expanding public audience.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission duly records in its minutes and for posterity its commendation and thanks to Ann Fortescue for serving on the Historical Marker Review Panel in 2003 and 2004.

03.09.04 WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission expresses its gratitude to Gary Bailey for serving on its Historical Marker Review Panel in 2003 and 2004. These panels reviewed over one-hundred-and-twenty-five historical marker nominations for compliance with Commissioners about marker approvals. Mr. Bailey's outstanding contributions to this work have helped PHMC maintain its high professional standards while commemorating and interpreting meaningful state history to an expanding public audience.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission duly records in its minutes and for posterity its commendation and thanks to Gary Bailey for serving on the Historical Marker Review Panel in 2003 and 2004.

03.10.04 WHEREAS, Shirley Johnson served the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission with distinction as a member of its Black History Advisory Committee since January 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnson was an active member of the historical and business community of York, Pennsylvania, and was recognized by PHMC in 2002 for her extraordinary service to that community; and

WHEREAS, as the Local Coordinator of the 2002 Conference on Black History in Pennsylvania, Mrs. Johnson built strong community support for an important PHMC public program; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnson passed away on March 6, 2004, and will be deeply missed by PHMC commissioners, staff, and other members of the Black History Advisory Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission recognizes the valuable service that Shirley Johnson provided to the Citizens of Pennsylvania by raising public awareness of African American history and culture, and expresses its sympathies for their loss to Mrs. Johnson's family and to her many friends and colleagues in York and across Pennsylvania.

Ms. Cutler reported on a resolution for Ira Smith. Mr. Smith has worked for the Commission for more than 36 years and will retire on April 2, 2004.

Chairman Spilove called for a motion to approve the courtesy resolution for Ira Smith. On motion by Ms. Pavelko, seconded by Ms. Klein the following resolution was approved:

03.11.04 WHEREAS, Ira Smith has faithfully served as a member of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission staff for more than 36 years, acting in a wide variety of roles; and

WHEREAS, Ira Smith started as an archaeologist in the Office of Historic Preservation and the Office of State Archaeology and later directed several major site excavations with the Bureau of Historic Sites and Properties; and

WHEREAS, after serving as Curator of Archaeology, Ira Smith then became Director of the State Museum, overseeing many exhibitions, a comprehensive inventory of collections, and a number of improvements at the museum; and

WHEREAS, Ira Smith directed an ambitious Commission-wide study of the collections storage needs and developed a plan for regional storage facilities; and

WHEREAS, Ira Smith was responsible for developing the Commission's first major maintenance plan, which documented the need for a dedicated funding source for maintaining and preserving Commission-owned sites and museums; and

WHEREAS, for the past 15 years Ira Smith has played a critical role in developing and implementing programs as Chief of the Division of Grant Programs and Planning in the Bureau for Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, Ira Smith coordinated efforts with Bureau staff members to prepare several Commission publications; and

WHEREAS, Ira Smith has often represented the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission on a number of panels, committees, and boards; and

WHEREAS, Ira Smith has administered and promoted the Commission's Grant Programs for nearly 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Ira Smith was responsible for developing the Keystone Historic Preservation Grant Program in 1994; and

WHEREAS, working together with the Center for Arts Management and Technology, Ira Smith was instrumental in establishing the Commission's internet-based electronic grant application process, which was among the first of its kind when it went online in 1998; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure the Commission has awarded more than \$55 million in grants to nonprofit organizations and local governments, supporting their efforts to preserve, study, and interpret Pennsylvania's heritage and culture through its museum collections and programs and its historic documents and architecture; and

WHEREAS, Ira Smith will be ending his tenure as a member of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission staff on April 2, 2004;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Historical and Museum Commission recognizes Ira Smith's impressive personal and professional contributions to Pennsylvania's archaeology, history, and museum community and expresses its appreciation for his many years of service to the Commonwealth.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2003

Chairman Spilove called for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Cornell moved that the minutes be approved as printed, seconded by Mr. Janosov. Minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Spilove welcomed Barbara Franco, new Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and Dr. Gordon A. Haaland as a member to the Commission. Chairman Spilove congratulated Dr. Brian Mitchell for his recent appointment as President of Bucknell University.

Chairman Spilove reported that he spent two days in Pittsburgh with Ms. Franco. They visited Old Economy Village, Fort Pitt Museum and the Heinz History Museum. Chairman Spilove attended a reception sponsored by Ellsworth Brown at the Carnegie Mellon Arts and History Museum in honor of Ms. Franco's appointment as Executive Director of the Commission.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Franco reported that since her first day she has been listening and learning about the agency and given the complexity of the Commission will continue to be in a learning mode for some time.

Ms. Franco said that with new Commission members on board and new administration for the Commonwealth, it is a good time to work on strategic planning for the Commission. The following Commissioners agreed to serve on the strategic planning committee: Dr. Gordon Haaland, Ms. Kathleen Pavelko, Mr. Robert Janosov, Ms. Janet Klein, Senator Jane Earl, and Representative Thomas Corrigan. Mr. Dave Myers and Ms. Penny Lee from the Governor's Office also agreed to participate.

Ms. Franco outlined her plans for the strategic planning process. A retreat will take place with Commissioners and staff in May. Over the spring and summer months we will draft a plan so that when the Commission meets in September we have an outline of a plan.

Despite reduced resources, we are challenged to meet the enthusiasm of our Governor to come up with exciting and interesting ideas that capture not only his imagination but that of people of Pennsylvania.

The Commission has wonderful programs within our agency. We need to celebrate those areas of excellence and use them as models to bring all of our programs to their highest level.

Ms. Franco has met with senior staff to discuss both internal and external communication of the agency; how does the Commission present itself to the community and how to do a better job communicating among ourselves.

Ms. Franco announced the following upcoming anniversaries: Sesqui-centennial of the Civil War and 250th anniversary of the French and Indian War. Both anniversaries provide a wonderful opportunity for the Commission to play leadership roles.

Ms. Franco talked about the Committee for Arts and Heritage co-chaired by Chairman Spilove and Diane Dalto, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. An initial meeting was held in Philadelphia on January 20th with members of the foundation community and representatives of the Commission, Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, Pennsylvania Public Television Network and the Pennsylvania Humanities Council. Since then the directors of the three state agencies (PHMC, PCA and PPTN) have met twice to share information about our agencies and to discuss opportunities to work more collaboratively. The next meeting of the full committee will be held at PHMC on March 19th.

Ms. Franco and Chairman Spilove met with Don Cunningham, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of General Services. All current and future projects for the Commission were reviewed. We would like to reprioritize some of the projects for greater efficiency and to use the funds that we do have available to our advantage.

Ms. Franco reported that she has meetings scheduled with Kathleen McGinty, Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection, Dennis Yablonsky, Secretary of the Department of Community and Economic Development and Michael DiBerardinis, Secretary of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

The Commission's hearing before the House Budget Committee was held on March 4th. Chairman Spilove and Tina Long, acting director of the Bureau of Management Services accompanied Ms. Franco. Senior staff was also invited to attend and observe. A lot of questions were asked but overall the hearing went well. There is definitely a lot of support and personal interest from the committee.

VI. APPROVAL OF BYLAWS CHANGE

Chairman Spilove called for a motion to approve Bylaws for the Commission. Dr. Cornell said the actions of the Commission should be brought to the full Commission for approval. Chairman Spilove said that it was always his intention to include the full Commission.

Ms. Pavelko reported on page 7 section 5. under the Executive Committee Powers and Responsibilities. In addition to saying that the "Executive Committee shall keep a record and shall record such actions" should be amended to say "Actions by the Executive Committee shall be brought to the Commission for ratification at the Commission's next meeting." This would mean the Chairman's intent is inclusive.

Ms. Pavelko asked if there were a minimum number of Commission meetings to be held in one year. Chairman Spilove said there would be a minimum of three Commission meetings in one year with the possibility of additional special meetings.

Ms. McCall read the section of the Bylaws regarding the minimum meetings. "At the June meeting the Commission shall set the schedule and time for its meetings for the next fiscal year" will read "The Commission shall meet three times a year at a minimum."

Chairman Spilove called for a motion to approve the minimum number of Commission meetings. On motion by Dr. Haaland, seconded by Mr. Janasov the Bylaws for the Commission were approved. (ATTACHMENT A)

Chairman Spilove called for a motion to approve the Bylaws as amended. On motion by Ms. Cohen, seconded by Dr. Haaland the Bylaws for the Commission were approved subject to making the changes in the amendments that were approved in the preceding resolution with the condition that the bylaws be redistributed to the Commission.

VII. OTHER REPORTS

a) House Resolution 522 – Camp Security

Ms. Cutler reported that Camp Security is a historic site located in Springettsbury Township, York County. Camp Security is understood to be the only undisturbed prisoner-of-war camp from the Revolutionary War remaining in the United States. This site is under threat of a residential sub-division development.

The recent threat of a residential sub-division development has re-ignited public interest in the site led by a community based volunteer group known as the Friends of Camp Security, with the support of Historic York, Inc., and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The Friends of Camp Security is an organization of concerned citizens, historians, and archeologists working to acquire the entire Camp Security site

and to assure the preservation, interpretation and commemoration of this unique and national significant part of our heritage. The Commission is working in partnership with the Department of Environmental Protection to try to come up with a resolution or to find the boundaries of the property with the developer.

Ms. Cutler does not know what the outcome will be. The resolution clearly states the importance of Camp Security and adds that the will of the Commonwealth is that this site be protected.

b) Report of Preservation Board Meeting

Ms. Cutler reported that the Historic Preservation Board met yesterday to review 9 proposals for the National Register of Historic Places; 8 proposals were approved and 1 tabled.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

a,b,c) Historical Ordinance

Ms. Cutler reported on the Request for Certification by the West Park Historic District, Boundary Extension, City of Allentown, Lehigh County; Norristown Historic District, Borough of Norristown, Montgomery County; and Millheim Historic District, Borough of Millheim, Centre County. The districts are requesting that the Commission certify that the district is historic.

Chairman Spilove called for a motion to approve Request for Certification by the West Park Historic District, Boundary Extension, City of Allentown, Lehigh County; Millheim Historic District, Borough of Millheim, Centre County; Norristown Historic District, Borough of Norristown, Montgomery County. On motion by Ms. Klein, seconded by Ms. Pavelko, the following resolutions were approved:

03.01.04 Resolved that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission certifies to the historical significance of the West Park Historic District Boundary, of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh, Pennsylvania, as delineated in Ordinance No. File of City Council Bill No. 86-2003, adopted September 17, 2003.

03.02.04 Resolved that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission certifies to the historical significance of the Millheim Historic District of the Borough of Millheim, County of Centre, Pennsylvania, as delineated in Ordinance No. 213 – 1 adopted January 21, 2004.

03.03.04 Resolved that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission certifies to the historical significance of the Central Norristown Historic District and West Norristown Historic District, Borough of Norristown, County of Montgomery, Pennsylvania as delineated in Ordinance No. 03-09 adopted October 7, 2003. Each historic district having been listed to the National Register of Historic Places on November 23, 1984.

Chairman Spilove commented that he served as Chair of the Philadelphia Historical Association for 10 years. The Philadelphia Historical Ordinance allowed the association to bring the first three districts: Society Hill, Rittenhouse Fiddler and Girard Estate District as historic districts. Janie Blackwell, councilwoman for Philadelphia has proposed that the ordinance be amended to give powers to the city council.

The Commission is opposed to this proposal by Ms. Blackwell. Chairman Spilove and Ms. Franco will meet with Ms. Blackwell later this month to discuss the Commission's position with the Philadelphia Historical Ordinance.

Ms. Franco suggested increasing notification and participation with the intent of democratizing the process. Unfortunately the bill as it is written opens up the process on one hand and closes it down on another. By taking certain neighborhoods out of the historic preservation designation process it is actually denying access to a federal law and program to certain residents of the city. This goes against the original intent of the ordinance.

Ms. Klein asked if the Commission would present a formal resolution to the council stating the Commission's position. Ms. Franco stated that she and Chairman Spilove have spoken to a number of people who suggested that we meet with her to discuss the issues at hand before we take a formal stand on the issue.

d) Certified Local Government Grants

Ms. Cutler reported on the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Certified Local Government Applications. A total number of 9 applications received in the amount of \$132,016; 6 of those applications were awarded the recommended award of \$84,491.

Mr. Janosov asked if the rankings were staff determined or is there a review panel. Ms. Cutler reported it is determined by a review panel.

Senator Earll asked if the CLG Grants were a one year program. Ms. Cutler replied yes and that people apply every year for the grant.

Mr. Janosov said it would be helpful to Commissioners to have panel review comments available.

Mr. Janosov moved that we approve the 6 Certified Local Government Grants, seconded by Representative Corrigan. Motion approved unanimously to approve the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Certified Local Government Applications Fiscal Year 2004. (See Attachment B)

e) Approval of Historical Marker Review Panel Recommendations

Mr. Weible reported that the panel consists of independent historical experts from across the state. The panel met last month and reviewed 74 nominations that were received. Of the 74 nominations the panel recommends 18 for approval.

Representative Corrigan called for a motion to approve the Historical Marker Review Panel Recommendations A-Approved. Ms. Pavelko seconded the motion. Motion approved to accept the Historical Marker Review Panel Recommendations A-Approved. (See Attachment C)

Representative Corrigan called for a motion to approve the Historical Marker Review Panel Recommendations for Resubmission. Mr. Janosov abstained from voting. Ms. Pavelko seconded the motion. Motion approved to accept the Historical Marker Review Panel Recommendations for R-Resubmission. (See Attachment D)

Representative Corrigan called for a motion to approve the Historical Markers Review Panel Recommendations for U-Unapproved. Ms. Pavelko seconded the motion. Motion approved to accept the Historical Markers Review Panel Recommendations for U-Unapproved. (See Attachment E)

Ms. Klein asked if the unapproved recommendations could re-apply. Mr. Weible said all nominations are eligible for re-submission with the exception of markers that have been submitted three consecutive years.

f) Approval of Scholars in Residence Review Panel Recommendations

Mr. Weible reported that the Scholars in Residence Review Panel is a program that provides support for scholars doing research at our sites and museums including the state archives. A total of 21 applications were received this year, 6 of those applications are recommend for funding.

Chairman Spilove called for a motion to approve the Scholars in Residence Recommendations, 2004-2005. On motion by Dr. Cornell, seconded by Representative Corrigan the Scholars in Residence Recommendations, 2004-2005 were approved. (See Attachment F)

g) Approval of Black History Conference Local Awards

Mr. Weible reported that as part of the annual Black History Conference, awards are presented to local recipients who are nominated and approved by the Black History Advisory Committee and the Commission. This year's awards will be presented to recipients on Saturday, April 17th as part of the Black History Conference, April 15-27, in Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Chairman Spilove called for a motion to approve the Black History Conference Local Awards. On motion by Representative Corrigan, seconded by Ms. Pavelko the following resolutions were approved:

03.12.04 WHEREAS, Charles Sadler, Sr., a resident of Indiana since 1939, has provided leadership to the Indiana community for the past forty-four years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sadler, a community leader and civil rights activist with his family, helped to support the education of young adults in Indiana County by establishing the NAACP Shirley Sadler-Reeder Scholarship Fund; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Sadler has long been a businessman and entrepreneur owning and operating a number of businesses over the years, he also has served his community as a deputy sheriff for a number of years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission commends and recognizes Charles Sadler, Sr. for his many contributions to the African American community of Indiana, Pennsylvania.

03.13.04 WHEREAS, Patricia Holmes, has served the people of Indiana County, Pennsylvania as a performing artist and community leader for the past twenty years; and

WHEREAS, she has served twelve years as Vice President of the Indiana Chapter of the NAACP, and has served on the board of the Sweet Adelines for thirteen years, and is

currently on the board of the Tri-State Country Music Association, Chapter 17, and the Chevy Chase Community Center; and,

WHEREAS, Patricia Holmes has served the Chevy Chase Community Center and the African American community of Indiana County as a volunteer for voter's registration drives, social justice events and numerous other events; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission commends and recognizes Patricia Holmes for her many gifts and contributions to the African Americans of Indiana County.

03.14.04 WHEREAS, Margaret E. Jones is a lifetime resident of Indiana, Pennsylvania and a descendent of a founding African American family of Indiana; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones served as a role model for young and old by pursuing her interest in nursing and becoming the first African American to be licensed as a Practical Nurse in Indiana County; and,

WHEREAS, she joined with the Indiana County Improvement Association to bring an end to the segregation of Mark Park swimming pool and other recreation facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission commends and recognizes Mrs. Margaret E. Jones for her many contributions to the African American community in Indiana.

03.15.04 WHEREAS, Yvonne Redd is the first elected African American to the Indiana Borough Council, now serving her third term; and,

WHEREAS, she served the Indiana University of Pennsylvania for twenty years, as University-wide coordinator for the internship program, as assistant to the Provost and is currently a manager in Human Resources; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne Redd is President of the Chevy Chase Community Center board, and serves as local preacher at the historic St. James AME Zion Church, working in outreach and support to the African American community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission commends and recognizes Mrs. Yvonne Redd for her service to the African Americans community of Indiana.

03.16.04 WHEREAS, Lyman Connor founded and chaired the Chevy Chase Community Action Council, for the purpose of desegregating the Mack Park swimming pool;

WHEREAS, in 1971, Lyman Connor lead the movement to build the Chevy Chase Community Center, and following its completion in 1977, Mr. Connor continued to serve on the Chevy Chase board for the next thirty years; and,

WHEREAS, due to the foresight and spirit of Mr. Connor, the Chevy Chase Center serves the needs of low-income, and the unemployed and well as supporting families with breakfast and after-school programs, food and clothing banks and communal meals for seniors and families; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Connor tested for and passed the exam to be a Tuskegee Airman, but was unable to serve because of the black quota placed on African American serviceman in World War II; and,

WHEREAS, he was the Assistant Dean of Admission for Indiana University of Pennsylvania;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission commends and recognizes Dr. Lyman Connor for his many contributions to the African American community of Indiana.

03.17.04 WHEREAS, Robert T. Scholfield became in 1975, the first African American to work in a supervisory function as an accountant in the Department of Finance; and,

WHEREAS, he has overcome his physical challenge to become a leader within the Indiana County and an ordained minister and choir director; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Scholfield has served on the Board of Directors for the Indiana Head Start Program, the Indiana County Community Action Program, Chevy Chase Community Action Committee and serves on the Indiana Area School District Handicapped Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission commends and recognizes Mr. Robert T. Scholfield for his many contributions to Indiana County and the African American community.

03.18.04 WHEREAS, Irwin Marcus in the 1970's created the first class for African American history at Indiana University of Pennsylvania; and,

WHEREAS, he has displayed a lifetime commitment to teaching and writing about the history of African Americans, and has been a leader in sustaining and improving the university's curriculum on African American Studies; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Marcus has been a unique and exemplary teacher, scholar and community activist with and for the African American community of Indiana; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Marcus has written and contributed articles to the Negro History Bulletin and to the Negro Biography, he has also written about Indiana's African Americans community for local newspapers and journals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission commends and recognizes Dr. Irwin Marcus for his many contributions to Indiana University of Pennsylvania and to the African American community.

h) Approval of new fee structure for Archives

Mr. Weible reported that the current fees for the Archives have been in place for roughly two and a half years. Since their approval by the Commission, the Archives has acquired the technical capability to offer a number of new services. We believe that the fees reflect an adequate rate of compensation for the time and materials needed to reproduce records in our holdings. In some instances we have reduced the cost to reflect the new price for our consumables. It should be noted that all revenue generated by these services is placed in the preservation fund and is used to purchase and maintain the equipment needed in the Archives microfilm reading room.

Chairman Spilove called for a motion to approve the new fee structure for Archives. On motion by Representative Corrigan, seconded by Mr. Janosov the revision of Archives Fee Schedule is approved. (See Attachment G)

i) Approval of Volunteer of the Year Award Nominations

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 15th at the Pennsylvania Railroad Museum. This program recognizes volunteers from each site for their outstanding contribution to the site.

Senator Earll moved to approve the Volunteer of the Year Awards, seconded by Dr. Haaland. The following resolution was approved:

03.19.04 **WHEREAS**, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission through its associate organizations has for more than 29 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 2003 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 2003:

Dorothy Thomas, Anthracite Heritage Museum & Scranton Iron Furnaces Associates
Earle Compton, Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates
Joseph Merenda, Bushy Run Battlefield Heritage Society
Sheila Miller, Friends of the Conrad Weiser Homestead
Christine Young, Cornwall Iron Furnace Associates
Gerry Bauder, Friends of Daniel Boone Homestead
Ken Hannold, The Colonel, Inc.
George Pishko, Eckley Miners Village Associates
Laura O'Connor, Ephrata Cloister Associates
Patrick Crosby, Flagship Niagara League
Laurie Burke, Fort Pitt Museum Associates
Gene and Priscilla Royall, Friends of Graeme Park
Wanda Rauch, Friends of Hope Lodge and Mather Mill
Seth Rohrbach, Friends of Joseph Priestley House
Mickey Blefko, Landis Valley Associates
Chris Novotny, The Harmonie Associates
David and Joan Healy, The Pennsbury Society
Nathaniel Greenman, Pennsylvania Lumber Museum Associates
Elizabeth Wilkinson, Friends of the Pennsylvania Military Museum
Park Ritter, Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania
Asenath Sipe, Historical and Genealogical Society of Somerset County

Julie Powers, Friends of Washington Crossing Historic Park
Kevin Dermody, Friends of the State Museum

Ms. Williams reported on the Outstanding Service Award. This award is a way of recognizing people for service who may not be typical volunteers, 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 Lester Jordon, member of the Friends of the Lumber Museum. Mr. Jordon has been on the board for 18 years and is personally responsible for restoration of Barnhart Log Loader.

Chairman Spilove called for a motion to approve the Outstanding Service Award.

On motion by Dr. Mitchell, seconded by Dr. Haaland the following Outstanding Service

Award was approved:

03.20.04 **WHEREAS**, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission through its associate organizations for more than 29 years been encouraging volunteer activities at its museums and historic sites, and;

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

WHEREAS, in addition to the Volunteer of the Year awards the Commission also recognizes Outstanding Service from volunteers or associate organizations, and;

WHEREAS, Lester Jordan has made a significant difference to the PA Lumber Museum for almost 20 years through his commitment of time, ingenuity and mechanical ability completing major restoration of large objects virtually on his own.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission awards the Outstanding Service Award to Lester Jordan for 2003 for his remarkable service to the PA Lumber Museum.

Machinist, toolmaker, antique engine buff, and volunteer for 18 years at the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum, Lester Jordan is truly one of a kind. As a member of a local antique engine club, Lester arrived at the museum in 1986 to participate in an engine club program. He could not resist the challenge of working on the disassembled

parts of the Lumber Museum treasure that had fallen on hard times which 11 years later became a fully restored Model 10 Barnhart log loader, a considerable challenge. Hundreds of Barnharts were manufactured by the Barnhart Company, but the museum's loader is the sole surviving example. No individuals who had worked on or operated a loader were living. Together with technical advice from Vance Packard, Lester persevered, and the museum dedicated a beautifully restored loader in 1997. The museum's sawmill is another of Lester's favorite exhibits. His contributions have included the installation of a sawdust conveyor, adding additional line shafts, and rebuilding the 12-HP Erie steam engine. Lester is always pleased to share his wealth of knowledge with visitors and staff, and, with his outstanding work ethic, attention to detail, and mechanical abilities he is a great example for the museum's PCC corps members, who often work with him. Lester, we salute you!

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a) Creation of Executive Committee

Chairman Spilove called for a motion to approve the following members for the creation of an Executive Committee: Senator Jane Earl, Dr. Brian Mitchell, Rhonda Cohen and himself. This committee is setup to provide assistance to the executive director in situations that may arise.

On motion by Ms. Pavelko, seconded by Ms. Klein, motion approved for the creation of an Executive Committee.

b) Creation of Strategic Planning Committee

Chairman Spilove called for a motion to approve the following members for the creation of Strategic Planning Committee: Dr. Gordon Haaland, Ms. Kathleen Pavelko, Mr. Robert Janosov, Ms. Janet Klein, Senator Jane Earl, and Representative Thomas Corrigan. Mr. Dave Myers and Ms. Penny Lee from the Governor's Office also agreed to participate.

On motion by Dr. Cornell, seconded by Ms. Cohen motion approved for the creation of the Strategic Planning Committee.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Klein reported that the Pennsylvania Founder's Award committee met and recommended to the Governor that former Governor George Leader receive the 2003 Pennsylvania Founder's Award. Governor Rendell has approved the recommendation. Ms. Crawford is working on the plans for the program which will be held in June.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Spilove called for a motion for adjournment. On motion by Ms. Pevlko, seconded by Dr. Haaland motion approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30am.