

**APPROVED**  
BOARD OF STATE HISTORY RETREAT  
AUGUST 13, 2009  
This Is the Place Heritage Park  
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Michael Homer, chair  
Scott Christensen  
Chere Romney  
Deanne Matheny  
Bob McPherson  
Ron Coleman  
Max Smith  
Michael Winder

**EXCUSED:**

Greg Thompson  
Maria Garciaz  
Martha Bradley

Thom Roberts, Attorney General's Office  
Palmer DePaulis, Executive Director, Dept. of Community and Culture  
Allyson Isom, Deputy Director, Dept. of community and Culture  
Phil Notarianni  
Wilson Martin  
Lynette Lloyd

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**WELCOME**

Michael Homer welcomed everyone to the retreat and This Is the Place Heritage Park.

**ACTION ITEM HB 236 IMPLEMENTATION**

Palmer DePaulis updated the Board on HB 236, which requires the Board to review and prioritize capital facility project requests and then provide a prioritized list to the Governor's Office and Legislature. The Board only prioritizes a list of projects. They do not actually award any funding. State History will institute administrative rules that specify the application process.

**TIMELINE**

In September finalized grant applications will be made available to community partners. Applications will be accepted by the Division until September 21. Beginning September 21 through 30, staff will review applications and prepare for the Board. On September 24, each Division will submit simple list of applicants to DCC Deputy Director, Allyson Isom to insure there are not duplicate applicants across Divisions. October 1 through 14, the Board will meet to review and prioritize applications and prepare a list for submission to the Department. October 15, the Divisions will forward the Board's prioritized list to the DCC Deputy Director and on October 17, DCC administration will forward each board's prioritized list from each division to the Governor's Office and Legislative Fiscal Analyst.

A motion by Ron Coleman was made to make an administrative rule specifying the application process for capital facility projects. Scott Christensen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Michael Winder to change the Board of State History meeting from Thursday, September 17 to Thursday October 1 because of the implementation of HB 236. Scott Christensen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURE UPDATE**

Palmer provided an update on FY 2010 budget. The budget this year beginning July 1, 2009 will run a deficit; however, federal stimulus money has aided the deficit. The Governor has been careful to use stimulus money on a one time basis. Any deficit for FY 2010 will be one time. This deficit may be 5%.

Phil reported to the Board that SB 391 removed all nonlapsing authority and that included the Utah State Historical Society. During this next year's legislative session, DCC and the Division will be working to exempt the Historical Society from this law.

### **OVERVIEW OF STATE HISTORY**

Phil Notarianni talked about major accomplishments for the Division for this last year. Many were in the realm of digitization. All publications are online, all the county histories and everything on the History Suite. There are 22,000 classified photos online. We are in partnership with Marriott Library, Utah State University and the State Correction Facility. Bound volumes of Salt Lake Telegram have been transferred to the Marriott Library; a total of 200,000 pages will be digitized.

The Human Remains program has worked very well. Ron Rood has had educational workshops for law enforcement and city and county officials. The website has been well received.

Tax credit and 106 projects are positive. State History has been involved with the Galena property. State History leads the nation in access to archaeological information.

Overall, given the challenges, State History has redirected positions to work on special projects and the Utah State Historical Society.

### **GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH THE BOARD**

Michael asked each Board member to share a little about themselves and what they do. He gave them a brief outline of the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual State History Conference.

### **OPEN AND PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Thom Robert discussed open and public meetings. Michael Homer as chair of the Board of State History has an obligation to give training yearly regarding open and public meetings. This serves as the training. The notice of a public meeting is the opportunity to observe and watch meetings and actions being taken. There is reason to close a meeting; that is, to discuss confidence in, and the character, of individuals.

Thom also suggested that the Division put everything in rules rather than bylaws. The Public should have access to recorded minutes within a reasonable time. Minutes are the official record. Michael thanked the Board for all their support and hard work.

The Board adjourned at 1:30.