

Board meeting: Board Development with Brian Crockett
Thursday, July 9 & Friday, July 10, 2015
NMHC Offices: 4115 Silver Avenue SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108

Board Members Present (8):

Terry Bumpass, Doris Fields, Tomas Jaehn, Dennis Reinhartz, Elmo Baca, Avelina Bardwell, Shari Morrison, Larry Rodgers

Board Members Absent (5):

Charmazel Dudt, Denny O'Toole, Ray Battaglini, Julia McTague, Algernon D'Ammassa

Staff Present:

Craig Newbill, Jacobo Baca, Michelle Quisenberry

Other: Brian Crockett

Meeting brought to order 2:45pm, July 9th, 2015

Board Chair Report: Terry Bumpass

- Participated in teleconference on July 7
- Spoke with B. Crockett to review board development agenda
- Considers items for miscellaneous business

Action Item: Approval of minutes from April 2015

Motion by Dennis Reinhartz; Seconded by Doris Fields; All in favor (7), none oppose (0)

Directors Report: Craig Newbill

- Discussed NEH budget
 - no actions to eliminate NEH/NEA by Republican Congress
 - reverted to FY 2015 funding; same apportionment for Federal/State partnership
 - conference committee will resolve differences between Senate and House bills; - NEH bill (both Senate and House) contain language encouraging the continuance of Veteran Programs
- NEH Chair initiative (Common Ground) – June 2015 – significant funds offered, yet tepid response; not enough time to apply
- Budget continues previous NEH Chair's program (Bridging Cultures)
- NEH Chairs Visit - pushed back from October, 2015;
 - suggested November after 2015 FSHC conference (Sun.-Tues); not good for board participation or public program
 - reaction from NMHC proposed agenda for NEH Chair visit - Adams wants a learning tour more than public programs; Sally Baker now works @ St. Johns and wants to Chair to visit their campus; SAR a likely visit as well

- Visit will likely be in the Spring, late March / early April, and will coincide with spring 2016 Board meeting
- Sen. Tom Udall's office - will be involved in visit; White House encourages Udall and Adams meeting (Udall chairs Subcommittee on Interior Appropriations)
- NHD Contract – with Department of Cultural Affairs, State of NM
 - received earlier than ever; Lori Thorton and Michael Dillelo are champions for the NMHC and NHD at the state
- Center for the Book - an opportunity for NMHC
 - State of NM - State Library - interested in growing the program or seeing it grow
 - Currently housed @ Albuquerque Main Library (Downtown) - composed of scheduled tours of 5 historic printing presses - no annual book awards, book festivals, no outreach, reading discussion and literacy programs
 - Centers for the Book closed nationally, 2009-2010
 - *an opportunity to attach to an issue, a niche, that we can own*
- Colorado River project
 - Melissa Savage (photographer) and Enrique Lamadrid (scholar)
 - photographs of the Rio Grande –
 - UNM Press will do 8-10 images
 - Savages manuscript has 110 images; 12-15 essayists
 - Lamadrid came to NMHC for a subvention - needs \$5,000.00; Maxwell Museum wants to house the permanent exhibit, NMHC will consider sponsoring a traveling component later; CN asks for Board permission to support Directors Initiative for \$2,000.00 for the UNM press subvention

Action Item: To support \$2,500.00 NMHC subvention for Melissa Savage's book of Rio Grande historic images

Motion by Shari Morison, seconded by Dennis Reinhartz; All in favor (7), no oppose (0)

- Grants Program - Salinas National Monument - Jumanos - July 25, 2015 - "The Jumanoes, Tiwas, Tompiros of the Salinas District; An Anthropological Celebration"
 - NMHC recruited scholars for the board - NPS will use this discussion to inform and update their site interpretation
- Special Program - *nowSeeHear* - exhibit and poetry program - opening programs - May 1st, works up through May 31st
 - NMHC approached by Chautauqua program member Bruce Noll (poet); idea for artists and poets to come together, poets writing poems reacting to scholars work (NMHC had previous experience with Church of Beethoven program – 2011)
 - 8 artists and 8 poets responding to their work
- Grants Program and Audiences: Defining underserved audiences
 - need not be rural

- EXAMPLE - International District in Albuquerque - one of the most historically diverse areas of the state; African Americans purchasing cheap land in early 20th C.; Asian, especially Vietnamese predominant thereafter

Staff Reports:

Finance Officer, Kent Gruber - absent – report (budget distributed)

Senior Program Officer, Michelle Quisenberry

- Grant Committee met on July 6 to deliberate June 1 mini-grant deadline
- Talking Service - funding extended through July 2015(?)
 - CNM - met extensively with Rudy Garcia (Dean of Students) & potential facilitators; CNM may apply
 - Attendance at programs has been low (Los Lunas & Rio Rancho), with the exception of VA Hospital; but experience for those attending programs has been profound; difficult to build trust as a non-veteran organization
 - Plans to approach 2 more organization, limited funding for more host sites
- Pulitzer Prize's Centennial Campfire Initiative
 - sites may have more than 1 facilitator; NMHC will provide facilitator training
 - Themes: Identity, belonging
 - Sites: Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Gallup, Farmington, Deming and Clovis
 - Selected titles:
 - - Junot Diaz, The Brief and Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao (2008)
 - - Louise Erdrich, The Plague of Doves: A Novel (2009)
 - - John Cheever, The Stories of John Cheever (1978)
 - - Toni Morrison, Beloved (1987)
 - - Joyce Carol Oates, Lovely, Dark, Deep (2015)

Assistant Director, Jacobo Baca

- Chautauqua – Bookings on pace; major changes with retirement of Fred Hampton, passing of Marilyn Adams
 - 2015 RFP – 31 applications; print-media successful in advertising call for applications; radio not very successful
 - Auditions held April 21 (1), May 15 (2), May 22 (8), May 29(6) and June 2 (1); Board members participated; Doris Fields, Algernon D'Amassa and Charmazel Dudt on May 22; Larry Rodgers, Shari Morrison and Ray Battaglini on May 29
 - Six programs accepted without audition; Fifteen accepted after audition; six rejected; two auditions were delayed due to applicant emergencies; one scholar withdrew proposals (2)

Action Item: To accept all new Chautauqua programs approved by audition committee and NMHC staff

Motion by Doris Fields, seconded by Shari Morrison; All in favor (7), no oppose (0)

- National History Day – 2015 National Competition, University of Maryland, College Park

- NMHC provides more funding to students travelling to national contest that NHD sponsoring organizations in other states
- 2 national award winners (Civil Rights Prize, sr. division, Ware & Ware, Moriarty High School, Moriarty, NM; & Native American Prize, Pestovich, Pocaterra, Wang, Los Alamos High School, Los Alamos, NM)
- State Competition – right size for New Mexico’s population; another regional (i.e., Santa Fe) would make the State Competition difficult to host; targeted growth areas remain Santa Fe and southern New Mexico
- Workshops – in Albuquerque June 24, with stipends provided by Albuquerque Historical Society; Farmington August 11th

Board Recessed at 4:21; will reconvene @ 9:00, July 10, 2015

Reconvened, July 10, 9:10am

Board Members Present (6):

Terry Bumpass, Doris Fields, Dennis Reinhartz, Elmo Baca, Avelina Bardwell, Larry Rodgers

Board Members Absent (7):

Charmazel Dudt, Denny O'Toole, Ray Battaglini, Julia McTague, Algernon D'Ammassa, Tomas Jaehn, Shari Morrison

Staff Present:

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Other: Brian Crockett

Chair, Terry Bumpass:

- discusses items for misc. business
- need to move adjustment of by-laws (number of members) immediately this morning

Revisions to NMHC Bylaws

- discussion of nine changes - (handout)

Action Item: To revise section of the NMHC by-laws to reflect current practices
Motion by Dennis Reinhartz, seconded by Doris Fields; All in favor (7), no oppose (0)

Board Committee Reports:

Grant Committee, Dennis Reinhartz for Tomas Jaehn

- Three grants received during June 1 mini grant deadline
- All passed for full funding (\$2000.00 each)
 - Diana Molina - Icons and Symbols (exhibit)
 - Las Vegas Consolidation – Bob Micheler

- Albuquerque International Association (lectures)

Action item: To approve recommendations of Grant committee and approve funding of grants for a total of \$6,000.00

Motion by Larry Rodgers; seconded by Aveline Bardwell; All in favor (7), no oppose (0)
 EB - grant committee - looking to revise rating sheet - outdated; sections no longer apply
 - simplify, modernize and make more specific

Nominating Committee, Craig Newbill for Charmazel Dudt

- Five candidates for NMHC Board: Thomas Chávez, Rosalie Otero, Suzanne Schadl, Danny López, Jon Hunner
- June 1-9 - interviewed all 5 people (Thomas Chavez, Rosalie Otero, Suzanne Schadl, Danny Lopez interviewed by C. Dudt & C. Newbill) (J. Hunner interviewed by T. Jaehn & C. Newbill)
 - Hunner - NMSU - History Prof., Director of Public History; fmr. Chair, NMSU History Department; interim director, NM History Museum
 - Otero - UNM Emeritus professor – fmr. Director, UNM Honors College; former NMHC board member (1993-1996, chair 1995-1996)
 - Chávez - 25 yrs @ POG; 21 as director; retired as Exec. Dir. of NHCC in 2004; former NMHC board member (1989-1993, chair 1992-1993); on FSHC Board
 - Schadl - former grantee; curator of Latin American and Latino collections; curator of Latin American Collections @ UNM Libraries, adjunct prof. of Latin American Studies
 - López - Hotel Andaluz; fmr director of programs at Smithsonian and asst. director & interim director at NHCC
- election of 5 members will bring NMHC Board back to 15

Action Item: To accept five (5) nominations listed above for the NMHC Board

Motion by Avelina Bardwell; Seconded by Elmo Baca; All in favor (7), no oppose (0)

Program Committee, Doris Fields for Algernon D'Amassa

- Assessment - a rubric for evaluating 'success'
- Communication - between board, committee and staff
- Aligning - programs with the strategic plan (mission, goals, expectations)

Executive Committee, Terry Bumpass

- teleconference July 7, 2015 (C. Newbill, T. Bumpass, D. O'Toole, T. Jaehn)

Finance Committee, Dennis Reinhartz for Dennis O'Toole

- Reviewed financial statements – NMHC is on sound financial footing
- commends Kent for explaining budget, NMHC finances

Development Committee, Doris Fields

- retreat June 18, 2015
- discusses draft of development committee charge; revised charge (handout)
- asks for feedback from board members on charge for development committee

Comments by L. Rodgers - too many committees? parallels or shared duties / oversight with program and development committee?

Response by C. Newbill - program committee charged to evaluate current programs and bring new programmatic ideas to the Board; this is where they would work with the development committee to bring this to fruition with board support, financial and otherwise

C. Newbill on membership

- bylaws read that governors appointees serve at Governors pleasure; she does have power to appoint, but they must submit to rules that govern all board members and cannot be exempt
- T. Bumpass - do governors appointees need gubernatorial reappointment at the end of their term?
- E. Baca - is the sec. of Cultural Affairs ex officio? - should this be a by law change?

T. Bumpass - misc. business

- invitation to bring B.Crockett back to work further with the Board
- T. Bumpass & D. Reinhartz – will work together to create an ad hoc committee chaired by D. Reinhartz to create succession plan (timeline); by November, Ad Hoc will have process; definition of job; when it will be posted

Action Item: To form ad hoc committee to prepare for succession readiness, report to full board at Nov. 2015 meeting, with D. Reinhartz, chair

Motion by Larry Rodgers, seconded by Elmo Baca, All in favor (7), no oppose (0)

- Ad hoc committee members – Dennis Reinhartz, Elmo Baca, Larry Rodgers, Julia McTague, Algernon D'Ammassa

T. Bumpass – B. Crockett suggests Board adopt a plan for development of strategic framework (see handout, "Strategic Framework outline")

- B. Crockett and Doris Fields will create a draft strategic framework (2 page document) planning for strategic planning and succession

Action Item: For D. Fields and development committee to develop and draft strategic framework

Motion by Larry Rodgers, seconded by Doris Fields, All in favor (7), no oppose (0)

T. Bumpass – Board concerns of understaffing

- CN - priority to hire history day first; admin asst / comm. off. second
- NHD - full time position; support for other programs - approached Leslie Burgloff; past teacher, public history (NMSU) grad. student, regional coordinator for SNM region; concerns of salary (\$55,000); initially interested, then rejected - vested in TX retirement plan
- admin. asst. - 1/2 temp in the interim

T. Bumpass - November Board meeting
- Nov. 12 & 13th -

Finance Officer's report - reviewed; no comments, no need for action item needed

Annual Event - none this year

Motion to adjourn: by Elmo Baca, seconded by Larry Rodgers
Meeting adjourned at 11:15am