

APPROVED

**BOARD OF STATE HISTORY MEETING**

July 17, 2014

Rio Grande Depot, Board Room, 300 S. Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mike Homer  
Rob White  
Maria Garciaz  
Steve Olsen  
Bob McPherson  
Scott Christensen  
Deanne Matheny  
Dina Blaes  
Patty Timbimboo-Madsen

**EXCUSED:**

Greg Thompson  
Yvette Donosso

**DEPARTMENT OF HERITAGE AND ARTS:**

Julie Fisher

**PUBLIC:**

Mary Ann Kirk  
Korral Broschinsky

**DIVISION OF STATE HISTORY STAFF:**

Brad Westwood  
Kevin Fayles  
Lori Hunsaker  
Wendy Rex-Atzet  
Barbara Murphy  
Holly George  
Jed Rogers  
Doug Misner  
Alycia Aldrich  
Cory Jensen  
Lisa Buckmiller  
Michele Elnicky  
Heidi Orchard  
Melissa Ferguson  
Amy Oliver

Gwen Davis

**ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE:**

Thom Roberts

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**WELCOME**

Michael Homer welcomed the Board members, State History staff, Julie Fisher, and Thom Roberts, Legal Counsel to the meeting.

Brad Westwood introduced Kevin Fayles, Assistant Director for Operations and Jed Rogers, Co-Editor, *Utah Historical Quarterly* and thanked both of them for their good work to date. The staff of Utah State History is very pleased to have them on board. Wendy Rex-Atzet is now fully on board as well and has done a tremendous job with the National History Day program at State History.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **APRIL 17, 2014 BOARD OF STATE HISTORY MINUTES**

Scott Christensen made a motion to approve the April 17, 2014 Board of State History meeting minutes. Rob White seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

Thom Roberts informed the Board that this approval process is a legality and the written minutes are the final record of the meeting.

### **JOHN WILLIAM JAMES FAMILY CHARITABLE REQUEST POLICY REVISION**

Doug Misner reviewed the policy revisions with the Board. This policy had not been updated since 2003. The revisions will allow State History to make appropriate purchases that are needed for our historic collections. The budget will be controlled and we have been spending less than the interest each year, but may go into the principal if needed. The division will follow all state purchase policies and division acquisition policies. Curation costs will also be considered. Other funds will also be sought out for additional donations. If received, a general policy for donations will be considered. Thom Roberts met with Brad and Doug and assisted them with this policy revision, as well as updated letters for donors, tax gifts.

Scott Christensen made a motion to approve the John Williams James Family Charitable Request Policy revisions with the changes indicated. Steve Olsen seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

## **NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS**

### **George & Mabel Anderson House – Cory Jensen**

The George and Mabel Anderson House, built in 1913, is locally significant under Criterion C as an exceptionally well-preserved and unique example of a bungalow house that embodies distinctive characteristics of a type and style in Brigham City, Utah. Stylistically, the 1½-story brick residence is a hybrid of the popular Arts & Crafts and Prairie School styles of domestic architecture in the early twentieth century. The building has many features that indicate a level of design sophistication beyond the tract bungalows that were common in the period. These features include decorative false half timbering in the gable end, geometric capital on the brick piers, a decorative porch vent, and a unique double-arch inglenook separating the two main interior spaces. The building is eligible under the Multiple Property Submission, *Historic Resources of Brigham City, Utah*, within the following historic context: “Economic Development and Residential Architecture, 1854-1950.” The historic period of significance for the house is from the original construction in 1913. During this period, the house was occupied by only three families: George A. and Mabel W. Anderson, Lewis S. and Julia W. Pond, and Clyde B. and Nadine D. Stratford. These Brigham City families were involved in banking, agriculture and retail in the community. The Anderson House has had minimal modification since its original construction in 1913 and contributes to the historic character of its Brigham City neighborhood.

Deanne Matheny made a motion to send a letter of support for the George and Mabel Anderson House to the National Register of Historic Places. Maria Garcia seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

### **The Princess Recreation Hall/Lynndyl LDS Meetinghouse – Cory Jensen**

The Princess Recreation Hall/Lynndyl LDS Meetinghouse is locally significant under Criterion A in the areas of Entertainment/Recreation and Religion, as well as Criteria Consideration A for its historical use as a religious meeting place. Lynndyl Town was established during the railroad expansion era and the Princess Recreation Hall was built meet the needs of the citizens for a

social gathering center. Originally constructed in 1914 as a social and recreation place for the community, it was used for sporting events, dances, public meetings, a school house, a movie theater, and even a hospital during the influenza of 1917-18. During its time as a recreation hall it also concurrently served as the meetinghouse for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Lynndyl Ward from 1915-1982. Therefore, it is significant in relation to its contribution to the social and religious aspects of Lynndyl. Within the 1914-1964 period of significance, the building had two distinct construction periods: 1914, when the original wood framed building housing the gymnasium and stage was built, and 1936-38, when the meetinghouse expansion was completed. In its one hundred year history the Princess has never been empty and has remained a community center for social gathering from the beginning. It is currently being used as the Lynndyl Town Hall, and has been since 1982 when the Lynndyl LDS Ward was disbanded. In 1983 a section was added to the rear of the building to house the town fire station. In spite of the new construction, the historic portion of the building retains its historical integrity and remains a contributing historic building in the small town of Lynndyl.

Bob McPherson made a motion to send a letter of support for the Princess Recreation Hall/Lynndyl LDS Meetinghouse to the National Register of Historic Places. Rob White seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

#### **Ezra & Abigail Shomaker House – Cory Jensen**

The Ezra and Abigail Shomaker House, in Manti, Sanpete County, Utah, constructed in phases between circa 1866 and 1895, and rehabilitated 2003-2011, is locally significant under Criterion B for its association with its first and longest occupants, Ezra and Abigail Shomaker. The period of significance spans the occupancy of the Shomakers between 1866 and 1922. The house is significant in the areas of Exploration/Settlement and Community Planning because of the contributions of the Shomakers. Ezra and Abigail Shomaker are remembered in Manti for their contributions to the transformation of Manti from a pioneer outpost to a modern city. During Ezra Shomaker's two terms as the mayor of Manti, he put in place infrastructure allowing Manti residents to enjoy the comforts of a twentieth-century city. Although there are many pioneer-era couples that have similar accomplishments, Ezra and Abigail Shomaker are unique in that their Manti home of fifty-six years reflects each phase of their lives, and in turn, represents different phases in the development of the Manti community. The circa 1866 west wing was built of rough stone in the Greek Revival style and is typical of early pioneer homes in Sanpete County. The circa 1880 well was built of more finely tooled stone at a period when both the Shomaker family and the community of Manti were growing in prominence. Finally, the brick east wing and the Victorian Eclectic details added circa 1895 represents the peak of prosperity of the Shomaker family at the turn of the twentieth century. Though the property experienced years of neglect in the late twentieth century, the recent rehabilitation has restored much of the grandeur of the house during the period of occupation of Ezra and Abigail Shomaker. The Shomaker House contributes to the historic character of Manti, Utah.

Scott Christensen made a motion to send a letter of support for the Ezra & Abigail Shomaker House to the National Register of Historic Places. Maria Garcia seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

#### **Murray Hillside Historic District – Korral Broschinsky**

The *Murray Hillside Historic District*, located southeast of the historic business district of Murray, Utah, is locally significant under Criteria A and C under the National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Submission, *Historic and Architectural Resources of Murray City, 1850 to 1967*. The primarily residential Murray Hillside neighborhood, comprising 282 contributing resources, is significant in the areas of Community Planning & Development and Architecture. Under Criterion A in the area of Community Planning & Development, the Murray Hillside neighborhood represents the four distinct

patterns of development that characterized Murray City within the period of significance from 1900 to 1966.

Under Criterion C in the area of Architecture, the four phases also represent the rise and fall of popular architectural styles in Murray that reflect trends across the United States in the same time period. Ninety eight percent of contributing resources within the district are single-family dwellings that are significant for their association with the “Americanization of Murray’s Residential Architecture, 1902-1967” and the “Murray’s Subdivision Development Boom Period, 1946-1967” contextual periods in the *Historic and Architectural Resources of Murray City, 1850 to 1967* MPS. The *Murray Hillside Historic District* retains exceptional historic integrity in the qualities of location, setting, design, feeling, and association of a curvilinear-plan post-war Ranch-style residential suburb.

The population of Murray City quadrupled during the postwar suburban building boom between the late 1940s and the early 1960s. While there are many neighborhoods within the city that represent this time period, the Murray Hillside neighborhood was deemed an outstanding candidate for the NRHP for three reasons: 1) the distinct building phases within the district represent all the approaches used by developers throughout the city during the period of significance; 2) the district retains a high degree of historic integrity in representative architectural styles and types of the period; and 3) the hilly residential neighborhood has distinct boundaries with cohesive historic streetscapes.

Maria Garciaz made a motion to send a letter of support for the Murray Hillside Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places. Dina Blaes seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

#### **CO-PUBLISHING AND WAIVING OF FEES WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH**

Brad briefed the Board on the division’s desire to co-publish and waive usage fees with the University of Utah. We will still be charging for providing the digital image, just not the usage fee. The publications policy that was approved by the Board in 2012 allows for this, but we would like further Board review. Joint publishing will help with partnership support with UHQ editors, and with our mission to become a household name, create public policy and sort out our collections. The Univ of Utah will use our resources and credit us in the publication. A Memorandum of Agreement will be drafted. This will be done on a book by book basis.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

As previously approved, Alycia Aldrich filed Administrative Rules R455-15, Procedures for Emergency Meetings and R455-14, Procedures for Electronic Meetings with the Division of Administrative Rule. They were published in the April 1, 2014 Utah Bulletin. No comments were received during the 30-day comment period.

Dina Blaes made a motion that R455-15, Procedures for Emergency Meetings be made effective as of Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> with the Division of Administrative Rules. Bob McPherson seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

Dina Blaes made a motion that R455-14, Procedures for Electronic Meetings be made effective as of Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> with the Division of Administrative Rules. Scott Christensen seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

#### **CEMETERY GRANTS PROGRAM REVISION**

Amy Oliver briefed the Board on the new cemetery database that is expected to be completed by Veterans Day. Beta testing will begin shortly. This database is History’s most active public database. As part of this initiative, the cemetery grants program also needed a revamp. An updated grants application was

presented and reviewed with the Board. The changes will make grants more accessible to smaller cemeteries. There is a max \$5,000 for each grant.

Dina Blaes made a motion to accept the proposed changes to the cemetery grant application. Steve Olsen seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

#### **AWARDS POLICY REVISION**

Brad Westwood reviewed the additional language being proposed to the Fellows category in the Awards Policy with the Board. Additional criteria has been added to address the several types of Fellows that have been nominated over the years. The Board discussed the changes and their feelings on what a Fellow means to them. Brad mentioned that creating two categories was considered, but determined not to. Allied fields are still specified.

Dina Blaes made a motion to accept the proposed changes to the Fellows category in the Awards Policy. Steve Olsen seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

#### **2014 UTAH STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FELLOW NOMINATIONS**

Jed Rogers presented the 2014 Fellows nominations to the Board. He thanked Bob McPherson for his nominations and involvement with the Fellows. Board members discussed how fellows are nominated and for what types of service. Future discussions and procedures will be developed.

Will Bagley – Bob made a motion to approve Will Bagley as a Fellow of the Utah State Historical Society. Maria Garcia second the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

Martha Sonntag Bradley Evans – Mike Homer made a motion to approve Martha Sonntag Bradley Evans as a Fellow of the Utah State Historical Society. Scott Christensen second the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

Wilson Martin – Mike Homer made a motion to approve Wilson Martin as a Fellow of the Utah State Historical Society. Dina Blaes and Bob McPherson second the motion, Bob McPherson declined the motion, and it passed with majority vote.

Kent Powell – Bob McPherson made a motion to approve Kent Powell as a Fellow of the Utah State Historical Society. Rob White seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

#### **2014 OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AND ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS**

Lisa Buckmiller presented the 2014 Outstanding Contribution and Achievement nominations to the Board.

American West Center – Steve Olsen made a motion to approve the American West Center for an Outstanding Contribution award. Bob McPherson seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

Hilltop Park Site – Deanne Matheny made a motion to approve the Hilltop Park Site for an Outstanding Achievement award. Dina Blaes seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

Friends of the Clark Farm – Scott Christensen made a motion to approve the Friends of the Clark Farm for an Outstanding Contribution award. Deanne Matheny seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

Wasatch Academy – Dina Blaes made a motion to approve the Wasatch Academy for an Outstanding Achievement award. Rob White seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

Brent Ashworth – Rob White made a motion to approve Brent Ashworth for an Outstanding Contribution award. Scott Christensen seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

Michael Brentley – Rob White made a motion to approve Michael Brentley for an Outstanding Achievement award. Scott Christensen seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

Su Richards – Scott Christensen made a motion to approve the Su Richards for an Outstanding Contribution award. Bob McPherson seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

#### **2014 UTAH STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PUBLICATION AWARDS NOMINATION**

Holly George presented the 2014 Utah State Historical Society Publication Award nominations to the Board.

Dale L. Morgan Award - Ron Walker. “Buchanan, Popular Sovereignty, and the Mormons: The Election of 1856.” *Utah Historical Quarterly* (Spring 2013)

Charles Redd Center for Western Study Award - Dawn Retta Brimhall and Sandra Dawn Brimhall. “Labor Spies in Utah During the Early Twentieth Century.” *Utah Historical Quarterly* (Winter 2013)

Nick Yengich Memorial Editors’ Choice Award - Wilfred D. Samuels and David A. Hales. “Wallace Henry Thurman: A Utah Contributor to the Harlem Renaissance.” *Utah Historical Quarterly* (Fall 2013)

Helen Papanikolas Award - Lorrie Rands from Weber State University. *Food, Comfort and a Bit of Home: Maude Porter and the Ogden Canteen, 1942-1946.*

Francis Armstrong Madsen Best Utah History Book Award - Todd Compton. *A Frontier Life: Jacob Hamblin, Explorer and Indian Missionary*

LeRoy S. Axland Best Utah History Article Award - R. Douglas Brackenridge. “‘About the Worst Man in Utah’: William R. Campbell and the Crusade Against Brigham H. Roberts, 1898–1900,” *Journal of Mormon History* (Winter 2013)

Smith-Pettit Foundation Best Documentary Book in Utah History Award - Elizabeth O. Anderson, ed. *Cowboy Apostle: The Diaries of Anthony W. Ivins, 1875–1932*

Amy Allen Price Military History Award - Robert S. McPherson and Samuel Holiday *Under the Eagle: Samuel Holiday, Navajo Code Talker*

William P. MacKinnon Award - Chris Merritt

Due to time restrictions and most of these awards already being vetted and approved by the Advisory Board of Editors or Subcommittees of the Board, a motion was made to approve the entire group of nominations. Scott Christensen made a motion to approve the 2014 Utah State Historical Society Publication awards. Dina Blaes seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **REEXAMINING THE ACQUISITION PROCES**

Deferred to next Board meeting due to meeting time being exceeded.

## **STATE HISTORY QUARTERLY PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Deferred to next Board meeting due to meeting time being exceeded

### **62nd ANNUAL UTAH STATE HISTORY CONFERENCE, SEPT. 25-27<sup>th</sup>**

Brad Westwood updated the Board on the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Utah State History Conference, Utah Technology Through Time. A private reception to kick off the conference and present the Utah State Historical Society Fellows and publication awards will be hosted by Mike Homer and conference sponsors at the Alta Club on Wednesday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Dr. Margaret O'Mara will give the keynote history address "*Place Matters: The Alchemy of Innovation in Utah and Beyond*," at the City Library on Thursday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. An opening plenary session with 4 concurrent history sessions will be held on Friday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at The Leonardo, beginning at 8:00 am. Several tours are being planned for Saturday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>.

Board members reviewed the four history tracks and sessions. Brad encouraged the Board's involvement and requested their assistance in chairing sessions. Brad thanked the Board and the staff for their great work on the conference.

### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Mike Homer announced that his Chair and Scott Christensen's seat are up for re-appointment this year. Neither of them is eligible to be extended. The Board thanked both of them for their outstanding years of service to the Board. Please send any recommendations for a new Chair and Board Member to Mike Homer and Brad Westwood. The Governor's office does require that all interested individuals apply online at <http://gva1.utah.gov/boards/board.aspx?id=43490>.

### **LOCATION FOR OCTOBER 16, 2014 BOARD RETREAT**

Board members discussed possible locations for the October 16<sup>th</sup> retreat. Alycia Aldrich will look into all suggested locations and meet with division administration and the Board Chair to determine the best location. Board members will be notified by email.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Holly and Jed provided copies of the newly redesigned Summer 2014 *Utah Historical Quarterly* to the Board. There are some tweaks needed, but Brad thanked them both for their great work on the redesign. A modest start has been made on developing web extras for our website, with more to come in the future.

**ADJOURNED AT 4:20 p.m.**