

**The Ohio Historical Society
Board of Trustees Minutes
Friday, June 26, 2009 – 4:45 p.m.
Ohio Historical Center – Executive Board Conference Room**

Trustees Present: Richard T. Prasse (President), Rich Simpson (Secretary), Randy Buchman, Cynthia Chester, Bob Goldberg, Tom Johnson, Priscilla Mead, & Dick Ruppert

Via Teleconference: Jon Elsasser (Vice President), Jan Devereaux, Linda Litter & Neil Mortine

Regrets: Glenda Greenwood (Treasurer), David Baker (Vice President), Tom Adkins, Grant Douglass, George Jones, Joe Leonard, Joe Nava & Rod Willcox

Staff Present: Bill Laidlaw, George Kane, Kim Schuette, Jeff Ward, Janet Hawxhurst and Fritz Milligan (Legal Counsel)

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The June 26, 2009 board meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. by President, Ted Prasse in the Executive Board Conference Room.

Due to the fact the State has not approved the next biennium budget and does not expect to have an approval until early July, the board met briefly to conduct and approve the following urgent matters and decided they will hold another board meeting in mid July.

Election of Officers:

MOTION:

Bob Goldberg, Chair, Nominating Committee moved the board elect the following slate of officers for the 2009-2010 board year.

Richard T. Prasse	President
David Baker	Vice-President
Jon Elsasser	Vice-President
Glenda Greenwood	Treasurer
Richard Simpson	Secretary

Randy Buchman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Dr. Goldberg moved the board elect Cathy Nelson for a three year term as a board elected trustee. Tom Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Goldberg, Chair, moved that the board grant Emeritus Trustee status to Grant Douglass. His nine-year board elected term expired at this June board meeting. Tom Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Committee Chairs:

MOTION:

At the recommendation of the President asking for board approval, the following were elected and approved as Chairs for the following Board of Trustee Committees:

Collections Committee	George Jones
Finance & Audit	Glenda Greenwood
Investments	David Baker
Foundation Board	David Baker
Government Relations	Tom Johnson
Nominating	Bob Goldberg
Education & Outreach	Jon Elsasser
Physical Structures & Locations	David Baker
Planning & Assessment	Jan Devereaux
Development Board	Rob Berger

IV. A. Physical Structures & Locations – Site Management Agreement

George Kane reviewed the recommendation with the board outlining the advantages of completing the agreement for management of the National Road/Zane Grey Museum with the John and Annie Glenn Museum Foundation (JAGMF) and noted the Society would plan to turn the keys over upon completion of inventory of the site with board approval.

MOTION:

Kane moved on behalf of the PS&L Committee that the board authorize staff to enter into an agreement with the John and Annie Glenn Museum Foundation for the day-to-day management of the National Road/Zane Grey Museum with the terms and details as established by staff. The motion seconded by Bob Goldberg carried unanimously.

III. Finance – Spending Authority for FY2010

When the Board last met, it approved a “Budget Framework” for the next biennium rather than a budget for FY2010. Because staff does not have sufficient information to present a line item budget for the Board’s approval at the June 26th meeting, staff had been advised by legal counsel that the Board grant authority to the CEO to implement an operating plan and to spend funds until a new budget is approved.

MOTION:

Due to the delays in the FY10 final state budget, Bob Goldberg moved the Board grant authority to continue spending at up to current levels of the FY09 plan until the Board directs otherwise. Cynthia Chester seconded and the motion carried.

President Prasse apologized to trustees for moving the remainder of the board meeting presentation to July 16 but noted more time would be required to determine where the Society should be heading in the future and this would be difficult to determine without a budget from the State of Ohio. A planning retreat will follow the board meeting. Prasse noted a Finance Committee meeting will take place the first week of July and all board members are invited to attend if desired.

A motion was moved to adjourn the meeting without objection at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Hawxhurst CPS/CAP.