

New Hampshire Commission on Native American Affairs July 20, 2015 2:00 PM Meeting Minutes

NH State Council on the Arts | 19 Pillsbury St. Concord, NH 03301

Members Present

Bronwyn Asplund-Walsh (**BAW**)
Vicki Blanchard (**VB**), Treasurer
Liz Charlebois (**LC**), Chair
Al Gauvin (**AG**)
Robert Goodby (**RG**)
Julianne Morse (**JM**), Secretary
Kris Neilsen (**KN**)
Kent Whitman (**KW**)

Members Absent

Melanie Benson Taylor (**MBT**)
Darryl Peasley (**DP**)
Georgia Edwards (**GE**)
Peter Newell (**PN**), Vice Chair

Quorum: Yes

- I. LC Call meeting to order at 2:05 pm**
Quorum met
- II. LC Welcome**
 - a. Welcome to Department of Cultural Resources Commissioner, Van McLeod
 - b. Welcome from meeting host, Julianne Morse, NH State Council on the Arts
- III. Approve minutes**
 - a. 3/17/15 **KW** moved; **RG** second, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved
 - b. 5/20/15 **KW** moved; **AL** second, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved
- IV. Treasurers Report**
 - a. **KW** moved; **AL** second, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved
- V. Committee Reports**
 - a. **KW** presented Nominations report
 - i. Elections: Officers**

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- ii. **LC** nominated for Chair, **JM** nominated for secretary, **VB** nominated for treasurer.
 - 1. **RG** moved to accept all nominations. **AG** second; no discussion; vote: unanimous
 - iii. **KW** moved to table discussion of nomination of vice chair until future meeting; **AG** second; discussion: Bronwyn, Peter, and Bob were all discussed as possibilities; vote: unanimous
 - b. **RB presented Preservation and protection**
 - i. Discussion: **RB**: Despite it being a felony to ruin a burial site, there are 30-40 burial sites ruined every year. **KW**: Is there anything we can share with contractors about exposed burials from DHR? **John Moody**: There are positive examples of construction sites being moved.
 - ii. **NHCNAA** developed a consultation strategy to work with **DHR** on issues of repatriation. There is already a code in place that mandates how the state archeologist should proceed, which is very similar to what **NHCNAA** drafted.
 - c. **Arts & Crafts** (no report) **JM**: goal to have recognition for native artists on Arts Council roster and regional arts databases.
 - d. **Education** (no report) **MB** to join education committee
 - e. **Social Services** (no report)
 - f. **Sunset**
 - a. **LC** gave update on **HB1610** renewal
 - a. **SB48 & HB1610** passed, signed by Governor on 5/7/2015
- VI. **LC** reviewed Committee expectations
- VII. **Additional Discussion:**
 - a. **John Moody** recommended that **NH** and **VT** Commission members meet to discuss best practices, happenings, etc.
 - b. **KW** suggested developing a marketing committee
- XI. **Adjourn 3:20pm**

Action Steps:

- **ALL**: Nominate and vote on **NHCNAA** vice chair
- **RB** and Preservation Committee to look into what resources are available to contractors regarding exposed burials from **DHR**?
- **LC** to explore a meeting of **NH** and **VT** Commission members meet to discuss best practices, happenings, etc.
- **KW** suggested developing a marketing committee

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