

**Oregon Heritage Commission  
February 14, 2011  
Oregon State Library  
250 Winter St. NE, Room 103  
Salem, Oregon  
Approved Minutes**

**Commissioners Present:** Carole Astley, Kimberly Jensen, George Kramer, David Lewis, Eric Martin, Carol Michael, Jan Mitchell, Andrea Morgan, Roger Roper, E. John Rumpakis, Layne Sawyer, Jim Scheppke, Jon Tullis.

**Staff Present:** Kyle Jansson, Kuri Gill, Tracy Zeller.

**Visitors Present:** Jason Stone, John Taylor, Liz Fuller.

Kramer called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Commissioners introduced themselves.

**Approval of Agenda:** Rumpakis moved to approve the draft agenda; Mitchell second. Approved.

**Approval of Revised Minutes of Sept. 27, 2010 meeting:** Jansson presented revised minutes that contained a change Mitchell had requested before the November meeting. Michael moved to approve. Martin second. Approved.

**Approval of Minutes of Nov. 8, 2010 meeting:** Rumpakis moved to approve the draft minutes. Mitchell second. Approved.

**Welcome** delivered by Scheppke, who talked about the Dorothea Lange exhibit on the second floor and her activities in Oregon.

**Public Comments:** None

**Oregon Digital Newspaper Project:** Stone and Taylor reviewed the history and plans for the Oregon Digital Newspaper Program. They said about 180,000 pages of material has been prepared to be placed on either the Library of Congress' Chronicling America website or on the Oregon Digital Newspaper Program website. Nine titles are being prepared for the Chronicling America site and 18 for the ODNP. Eighteen newspaper history essays have been written as is a blog. They said the funds provided by the Heritage Commission, the State Historic Preservation Office and the LSTA grant program administered by the State Library provided critical match to obtain a National Endowment for the Humanities grant. The UO Libraries, the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Foundation and private donors have also provided funds. The state funds have been useful for tackling publications that do not necessarily fit the Chronicling Newspaper requirements (1860-1923, English language, community newspapers.) Stone reported on the feedback that the beta site has received. People have noted the value in saved term of being able

to do online keyword searches from remote sites. One challenge has been making sure the microfilm quality for reproduction is adequate, while another has been making sure that the search feature captures a very high percentage of the keywords requested.

**Legislative Update and Strategy:** Jansson reported on how HB 3210 to create the Legislative Task Force on Heritage Vitality was developed following the last Commission meeting. Other bills talked about by the Commission included SB 125, SB 165, SB 602 and HB 2859. Kramer noted that Commissioners can talk to their legislators about their personal interests in the bills, but not as Commissioners. Roper said that OPRD has not taken a position on SB 165 as it is not aware yet of the Governor's position. Kramer asked that the Commission be informed when OPRD learns more. Lewis suggested that in HB 3210 that the language related to Task Force membership be changed from "a federally recognized tribe" to the Commission on Indian Services. Commissioners also talked about ways that 3210 and 2859 could be combined or amended. Morgan explained the potential impact of SB 602 on the instruction of Oregon history in the classroom. Fuller invited commissioners to listen in on the bi-weekly updates that the Cultural Advocacy Coalition is having.

**Heritage Vitality Report:** Jansson described the production of the final report, which will be posted online early next week with appendices and bibliographic information. There will also be a 4-page version designed for a broader distribution. Tullis talked about a meeting that he, Astley and Jansson had last week with the directors of Travel Oregon, Travel Portland and the Clackamas County Tourism Council. There was a positive response, with suggestions offered by the directors on gathering information and resources. Key messages included that consumers vote with their wallet, and to keep it relevant. Kramer said the conversation with tourism is one that needs to be ongoing. Tullis suggested the brief version of the report be given out at the Governor's Tourism Conference.

**Oregon Heritage Communities:** Roper reviewed a program description refined after the Commission's last meeting and consultation with the League of Oregon Cities. Commissioners talked about possible language issues related to churches, regional heritage areas, and county historical societies. Kramer asked who would decide whether a community should be designated an Oregon Heritage Community. Roper said the Commission would decide, perhaps after a review by staff or a subcommittee. Mitchell made a motion to accept the program description presented by Roper and ask him to go ahead with implementation. Lewis seconded. Approved.

**Oregon Heritage Conference:** Jansson and Gill reviewed developments with the conference, including display of the conference promotional video and Facebook page. They outlined some of the events scheduled specifically for Commissioners as well as the events for all attendees.

**Nominating Committee:** Kramer said his term as commissioner ends in June, and so the Commission needs to determine who will succeed him as chair. To do that, unless there was an objection he wanted to appoint a nominating committee of himself and Commissioners Michael and Scheppeke. There was no objection. He said that anyone with any interest in serving as chair should contact Jansson before the end of the month.

**Preservation Summit:** Jansson said that on March 7 there will be a summit of leaders of statewide and tribal archives, museum and library groups to draft a preservation plan. This is one part of the Connection to Collections statewide planning project. The planning committee has conducted and analyzed a survey, and conducted five regional forums. He said the survey respondents said the top three priorities for preservation care are collection care training, collection management training, and disaster preparedness training. Also, the survey showed that information and training were the highest ranked forms of technical assistance.

**Century of Action:** Jensen thanked the Commission for the Heritage Grant and the statewide celebration declaration. The two acts gave legitimacy to the effort that has enabled them to tap into other resources. She said commissioners were invited to the March 8 launch of the suffrage centennial at the Capitol, which will include a roll-out of the organization's website that has some content created by Western Oregon University students.

**Oregon Historical Society:** Kerry Tymchuk is on board as interim executive director, as George Vogt who is retiring in April. Meanwhile, the board is doing some strategic planning as its new county funding begins July 1.

#### **Commissioner Reports and Comments:**

Rumpakis said he had attended the Cultural Advocacy Coalition's reception Jan. 26 at the Blue Sky Gallery in Portland.

Schepke said he has announced he will retire at the end of December, after 20 years as state librarian and 25 years with the Oregon State Library. Rumpakis thanked him for both stabilizing and stimulating the Commission over the years.

Tullis said congressional votes are scheduled in the next week on funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, National Endowment for the Humanities and National Endowment for the Arts. Any interested Commissioners should comment on it. Roper said the latest funding proposal is for level funding for the State and Tribal historic preservation offices.

Michael said a center is being developed in the Boardman area related to agriculture and energy. It will include a history component as well.

Lewis noted the written report he had provided electronically to commissioners, and talked about exhibits he is helping with and the tribe's newspaper.

**Coordinators Report:** Jansson said Peter Booth of the Willamette Heritage Center had invited Commissioners to tour its new collaborative exhibit immediately following the meeting.

**Adjourn:** Kramer adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.