

Louisiana Historical Records Advisory Board

MEETING SUMMARY

May 12, 2022 | 2:00pm | Louisiana State Archives Gallery

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Board Members: Cheylon Woods, Catherine Newsome, Freddie Evans, Zachary Stein, Rebecca Hamilton, Angelique Bergeron

Not present: Shannon Dirmann, Emilie Leumas, Nancy Landry, Riley Berthelot, Michelle Riggs, Debbie Hudnall, John Gallagher

Archives Staff Present: Allison Llorens

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were not approved due to a lack of quorum.

IV. Order of Business

1. Updates from board members

A. Louisiana State Library - Rebecca Hamilton

The library will be soon acquire an updated catalog system. Ms. Hamilton stated that the library was also working on its 5 year plan. The book festival sponsored by the library will be held on October 29.

B. UL Library – Zachary Stein

The library received a grant from ALA that includes hosting a speaking event to discuss LGBTQ collections; in addition, the grant will allow for the library to acquire new collections from the Acadiana region. The library is also working on digitizing scrap books from the Krewe of Apollo.

C. Ernest Gaines Center – Cheylon Woods

Ms. Woods is working with the National Parks Service to conduct an oral history of the relatives from Cherie Quarters and is also collaborating on a grant to manage the updates to the Augustine house at the Rural Life museum. She has recently created a blog to assist university students with gaining access to academic databases. The center is currently experiencing staff shortages and working to remedy the issue quickly. Ms. Woods stated that the center is preparing for an upcoming Board of Regents accreditation site visit in 2025.

D. WBR Museum – Angelique Bergeron

Ms. Bergeron is working with the city to create a parish archive that will be available in the next 2 years. The museum recently had its millage pass and renewed for the next 10 years. The museum will feature the work of Angela Gregory in an upcoming exhibit. Lastly, Ms. Bergeron mentioned that Mr. Ronald Trahan will be featured in a special on Louisiana Public Broadcasting station.

E. Archives Updates – Catherine Newsome

The Louisiana State Archives is partnering with The Old State Capitol on their upcoming exhibit: *Voices and Votes* to host a History Harvest. The event will collect oral histories from members of the public regarding their experience on the following topics: voting and registering to vote; campaigning for a candidate or running for office; attending a national political convention; becoming an American citizen; participating in a recall, protest march or sit in; becoming an American citizen; lobbying for the rights of marginalized citizens; teaching history and civics: or America's Bicentennial celebration in 1976. The History Harvest will be held on June 3-4 from 9:30am – 3:30pm at the Archives. The information will be shared via the Secretary of State and Old State Capitol social media channels and through the Friends of the Louisiana State Archives email distribution list.

America 250 Commission: created by House Resolution 96 with the purpose to create a state commission to work jointly with the federal America 250 commission to help plan and coordinate the celebration of the semiquincentennial anniversary of the United States of America.

F. Review Disaster Survey – Catherine Newsome

Ms. Newsome proposed a discussion on the current version of the disaster survey. The board reviewed the survey and made the following recommendations:

-for further input, reach out to Dustin Fuqua, Brian Costello (Pointe Coupee), Jason Church, and Ian Beamish.

V. Other Projects/Programs

The board held a discussion on sponsoring a Trainer Program for archives & museums that may include webinars or recordings. There are about six individuals in the state that are federally trained in digital preservation, outreach, and education who may be interested in teaching a seminar.

VI. Conclusion

Meeting adjournment voided due to lack of quorum

Meeting Concluded at 2:57pm

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2022.