

Advisory Board of the Louisiana State Archives

MINUTES

November 2, 2023 | 1:00pm | Louisiana State Archives Admin Conference Room

I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm

II. Roll Call

Present: Catherine Newsome, Faye Phillips, Doug Harrison, Amy Louviere. Brandon Abadie, Eddie Hughes, Ann Boltin

Not Present: Nancy Landry, Amy Patin

III. Approval of Minutes

The board approved the minutes from the meeting held on August 17, 2023. On motion of Ann Boltin, seconded by Brandon Abadie the board approved the minutes. **Motion Passed**

IV. Order of Business

1. Update from the Louisiana State Archives – Catherine Newsome

- a. Introduction of new Executive Staff Officer Ashley D. Simmons
- b. Art shows in the Gallery (Associated Women in the Arts)
- c. Past 2023 Events: Disaster Repsonse Workshop (Emilie Lumas), Archives Month Open House (Archives Staff), Wendy Rodrigue: Life and Legacy Tour, SARC peer to peer conference.
- d. Early voting begins November 3 and ends November 11th.
- e. Upcoming Events: Veterans Day cooperative with the Department of Veterans Affairs at the Shaw Center, November 8, Black History Month February 2 – 29, Student Art Show April 1 – April 30
- f. SoS Transition: Board members’ terms are concurrent with that of the Secretary of State; asked if members were willing to continue serving. Reminded members that they will have to go through a designation process after new Secretary of State takes office.

2. Update from Friends of the Louisiana State Archives - Eddie Hughes has been appointed to the Advisory Board, but will have to be redesignated a part of SoS Transition, The 2024 Spring Gala is March 2, 2024 which will be themed after the 1984 Louisiana World Exposition exhibit which will open January 30 – December 9, 2024

3. Future Meetings

- a. Catherine reminded the Appointees that their terms ended with the outgoing Secretary of State and the incoming Secretary of State would re-appoint or have the right to appoint new Board members.
- b. The Board discussed 2024 meeting dates. There will be no February meeting due the transition of the Secretary of State. The Board will convene on May 23, August 22 and November 14.

4. Other Programs/Discussion

- a. Catherine shared the America 250 commission is in still pre-planning stage.
- b. The Supreme Court of La. Historical Society has formed a committee to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the 1825 Civil Code.

- c. Faye noted the La. Historical Association would likely be helpful to the America 250 and 1825 Civil Code Projects. Ann discussed the enslavement records currently held by the Diocese of Baton Rouge that would also contribute to those programs.
- d. Faye discussed Dr. Edward Benoit's collaboration with the Library of Congress regarding the oral history of veterans called the "Virtual Footlocker"

V. Adjournment

On motion of Doug Harrison, and seconded by Eddie Hughes, the Board voted to adjourn at 1:46 pm.

Motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2024 at 1:00pm.