

Illinois State Historical Society
Minutes of the February 20, 2021
10 a.m. over Zoom

The Agenda for the Meeting is as follows:

ISHS Meeting of the Directors and Advisors
10 a.m., via Zoom
Saturday, February 20, 2020

1. Call to order, President Monroe
2. Welcome and introductions of participants
3. Officers reports
 - A. President's report
 - B. Treasurer's report
4. Executive Director's report
5. Assistant Director for Development's Report

6. Committee Reports
 - A. Nominating Committee report
 - B. Assets Management report
 - C. Membership report
 - D. Development report
 - E. Markers report
 - F. Publications report
 - G. Symposium report
 - H. Website report
 - I. Government Affairs report
7. Old Business
8. New Business.
9. Adjournment

Attending

Officers: Dan Monroe, President; Charles Stanley, Treasurer; Herb Russell, Vice President;

Absent: Elaine Evans, Secretary.

Directors: Reg Ankrom, Debra Dudek, Marilyn Leyland, John McClarey, John Hallwas, Cinda Klickna, Richard Lindberg, TY Rohrer, Donald Truax, William Shannon IV, Dave Joens, Todd Carr, Cathy Popovitch,

Advisers: Elaine Egdorf, Tim Draper, Devin Hunter, Mark Flotow, Michael Wiant, Christian McWhirter, Mark Pohlada, Brian Mullgardt, Charlotte Renehan

Staff: William Furry, Executive Director; Mary Lou Johnsrud, Office Manager

Guest: Jeff McCardle, University of Illinois Press

President Monroe welcomed everyone to the meeting, and invited Mr. McCardle to make his presentation to the board. McCardle, who is the Society's liaison to the University of Illinois Press Journals department, reported on new developments at the press relating to our Journal, JSTOR, membership/subscriptions, and changes to current operations, policies, etc. Mr. McCardle said that the UIPress will be moving to a new online platform from Duke University, which will now be digitizing the Journal. Previous content offered by JSTOR—from 1908 to 2020—will still be offered, but going forward the Journal will be digitized and marketed by the new platform. More on this change will be available later this summer. Mr. McCardle said that membership renewals are doing well, with only about 100 members yet renew as of February 1.

President Monroe thanked Mr. McCardle for his report and said that we looked forward to learning more about the new arrangement. He then asked the board to introduce themselves and say something about their interests and work in their community. After introductions, President Monroe asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the December 5, 2020, meeting of the ISHS Board of Directors. Mr. Joens made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hallwas. The minutes were approved without further discussion or amendment.

Officer reports

President's Report.

President Monroe said that the Society's referendum on the firing of the Illinois State Historian had received some attention and noted that, while the Society had offered to help develop a list of potential candidates for this open position, but indications are that the position will become an honorary post. Mr. Joens said that a bill had been introduced by Representative Willis to eliminate the position and make it honorary. President Monroe said that the Society had arranged for ALPLM Board chair Ray LaHood to speak with the board at this meeting, but Mr. LaHood had asked to postpone the conversation until later this spring.

Treasurer's Report

President Monroe asked Treasurer Charles Stanley to give a report on the state of the Society's endowment. Treasurer Stanley said that the endowment sits at \$2.4 million, and has been holding steady since the first of the year. He said that the only way for the Society to grow is for the endowment to grow. The Society's current spending trend is taking a toll and will need to be reined in if the ISHS plans to sustain its programs and publications.

Executive Director's Report.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee report.

Mr. Mullgardt presented the committee's slate of nominees to the board for consideration:

Officers:

Dan Monroe, President
Marilyn Leyland, Vice President
Ty Rohrer, Treasurer
William Shannon IV, Secretary

Directors to 2022:

Reg Ankrom, Quincy
John Hallwas, Macomb
Todd Carr, Elizabethtown
Tim Draper, DeKalb
Cinda Klickna, Rochester

Directors to 2023:

Debra Dudek, Bolinbrook
Richard Lindberg, Chicago
Brian Mullgardt, Decatur
Cathy Popovitch, Springfield
Chuck Stanley, Ottawa

Directors to 2024:

Michael Wiant, Petersburg
David Joens, Springfield
Christian McWhirter, Springfield
Mark Flotow, Springfield
Mark Pohlada, Evanston

Advisory Board: Charlotte Renahan, Elaine Egdorf, Donald Truax, Aaron Lisee, Jenny Barker-Devine, Nathan Pierce, Kristin Lee Hoganson, Cindy Reinhardt, Megan Van Gorder, Jenni Dahl, Robert Sampson, Mark Motsinger, Herb Russell

The slate was presented to the board for consideration.

MOTION: Mr. Hallwas made the motion for approval of the slate of officers, directors, and advisors, which was seconded by Mr. Stanley. There was no further discussion, additional nominations, or amendments to the slate, and the motion passed without opposition.

Annual Awards.

President Monroe as chair of this committee called on Ms. Johnsrud to report on the annual award nominations received thus far. She said that 34 entries were received by the deadline, including nomination for the ISHS "Lifetime

Achievement.” Judges are to have their evaluations and remarks in not later than March 1. The annual “Best of Illinois History” awards will be presented on Friday evening, April 25 over Zoom. Details will be forthcoming.

Assets Management.

Chair William Shannon IV reported that the committee sent out RFP invitations in December to five financial management services to submit proposals for managing the society’s endowment funds. Three firms were chosen to advance to the interview stage, and after day-long interviews and deliberations in January, the committee unanimously chose to keep the Society’s accounts with U.S. Bank, whose performance in that regard has been exceptional. The periodic review of the Society’s investment portfolio includes competitive bidding for managing the ISHS investments. According to Mr. Shannon, the next step in the process is for a “top to bottom” review of the Society’s investment policy, to see if modifications need to be considered as we move into the new year.

Membership Committee.

University of Illinois Press liaison Jeff McCardle reported that Society membership numbers are looking good in the first few weeks of the year with great than 70 percent renewals. Additional renewal notices, both via email and regular mail, are planned in the next few weeks. Office Manager Johnsrud reported that 8 members of the Illinois General Assembly had joined the Society since November, and that special offers for new members of the Society at the reduced rate of \$30 has also resulted in memberships.

Development Committee report.

Neither Hannah Kline nor Reg Ankrom were able to attend the meeting, but board members offered praise to Ms. Kline for an excellent and well-organized start to the spring fund-raising campaign, full of “fresh ideas.” Mr. Furry said that the maquette titled “The Conversation,” created by John McClarey exclusively for the Society and featuring Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, will be part of the fund-raising drive for the summer, with a limited number of maquettes being available to donors who contribute \$2500 or more to the endowment. He said the model was delivered to the foundry but the casting maquettes would probably not be available until the end of May.

Markers Committee Report.

Ms. Evans could not be present but submitted her prior to the meeting. It is part of the attachments.

Publications.

Mr. McCardle (UI Press) spoke of the production schedule for the ISHS *Journal*, which has been slightly delayed due to the departure in December 2019 of long-time *Journal* editor Mark Hubbard. The Society is still looking for a replacement editor, and hopes to have someone in place before summer. Tim Draper, the *Journal*’s book-review editor, also plans to step down at the end of the year. The

Society has found guest editors to meet publication schedules through 2021, with help from Dave Joens, Dan Monroe, and Jenny Barker-Devine.

Symposium.

Chair Devin submitted the following report:

"I wanted to give an update on where our program sits, as of now. Before I list some confirmed and mostly-confirmed presenters, I wanted to put the call out for sponsorships of the symposium, to off-set webinar costs, annual memberships for presenters (maybe), and a very modest honorarium for one of our featured speakers (below). I've secured \$250 from the UofI Mythic Mississippi Project. This amount seems appropriate to warrant mention on flyers, press releases, introductions to panels etc. It would be great to have several people/places to mention! Please let Hannah Kline or I know if you have any leads. With board approval, I would like to offer all nonmember presenters a one-year ISHS membership.

As for a potential lineup:

- Mark Pohlad "in conversation" with John McCleary, about statue making in an age of statue questions (possibly recorded)
- Dino Anderson (Shorefront Legacy Center, Evanston), on Black local history (probably live, perhaps morning of Sat April 24, with additional panelist tba, may need a volunteer to moderate) <http://www.shorefrontcenter.org/>
- Jenn Edginton, new Director of Interpretation for Illinois State Museum (live or recorded tba, moderated by Helaine Silverman of UofI with additional panelists tba) <https://illinoisstatemuseum.wpcomstaging.com/2021/01/28/meet-jenn-edginton-director-of-interpretation/?fbclid=IwAR16GAKInmlAafVPhd6PtN3TModtDBN4N9R96Mv pASb0xS-taCfGLNUsdwQ>
- Jessica Harris, SIUE Vice Chancellor of Diversity and Inclusion, on the SIUE Center for Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation <https://www.siu.edu/provost/trht/programs-initiatives/> (will need a volunteer to moderate)
- Graham Peck (UIS), Nathan Peck (St Xavier), Sunshine Clemons (Springfield Black Lives Matter) discussing Peck and Peck's new documentary about commemorating the Lincoln-Douglas debates (probably live Sat April 24--- registered guests will be able to screen the documentary beforehand) (will need a volunteer to moderate)
- Monuments and Renaming featured panel, with Architect of the Capitol Andrea Aggertt and two others tba, moderated by Dave Joens (probably live Sat April 24)
- Santiago X, indigenous futurist artist and landscape architect <https://santiagox.com/aboutx>, on the 4000N project in Chicago <http://www.chicagopublicartgroup.org/northwest-portage-walking-museum> (live, keynote-type speaker, Friday evening April 23)
- X usually receives \$500-\$1,000 for one-hour engagements, but he said \$250 is fine for 30 minutes plus 15 minutes q-and-a

There are two or three invites floating around. As I mentioned, we definitely have space for at least a couple more recorded sessions, to produce in March and post throughout April. Another option is a live session on the evening of Tuesday April 20 or Thursday April 22. Please meditate on the theme of "Changing Landscapes" and hit me up with any leads. We could use, among other things: southern Illinois content, and/or something related to Asian American and/or Latinx heritage.

Let me know if you have any questions. We need to send Bill Furry as much info as possible on the schedule by Monday, so that he can promote it in *Heritage*.

Thanks!
-Devin"

Website Report

Ms. Evans was unable to attend the meeting and her report is included as an attachment

Governmental Affairs Report.

No report at this time.

Old Business.

No old business.

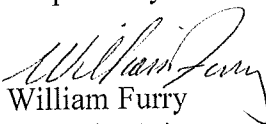
New Business.

No new business.

Adjournment.

12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


William Furry
Executive Director

February 20, 2021

Web Site Ad Hoc Committee Report

At this time there are no major issues to report regarding the ISHS web page.

After working out a few kinks, the Store section of the web site is open and ready for business. And, a few sales have already been made. In addition to books, there are past issues of the *Journal* along with some art work and stationary available for purchase. ISHS members will receive a 20% discount by using the coupon code ISHS2021. All proceeds from these sales will be used to support the ISHS.

A couple of reminders:

1. If you have an Event or a News item from your locality, please submit it. Posting is usually done within 24 hours.
2. Don't forget to shop on Amazon Smile. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to the ISHS. Just go to Amazon Smile (<https://smile.amazon.com/>) and select the Illinois State Historical Society as the charity you wish to support. Tell your family and friends to help support the ISHS by shopping on Amazon Smile.

As always, should any member find errors that need to be corrected or have any concerns or suggestions pertaining to the web site, please inform the ISHS staff.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Shemoney Evans

ISHS MEMBERSHIP REPORT ENDING FEBRUARY 9, 2021

| | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>(F)</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>(F)</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>(F)</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>(F)</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>(F)</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>(F)</u> | <u>2014</u> | <u>(F)</u> | <u>2013</u> | <u>(F)</u> | <u>2012</u> | <u>(F)</u> |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| <u>SUBSCRIPTIONS</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| STUDENT - \$20 | 1 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 485 | 454 | 483 | 492 | 14 | 16 | | | | |
| INDIVIDUAL - \$60 | 366 | 435 | 433 | 433 | 438 | 485 | 438 | 485 | 454 | 485 | 454 | 483 | 492 | 14 | 16 | | | | |
| FAMILY - \$790 | 46 | 75 | 69 | 64 | 76 | 86 | 76 | 86 | 98 | 86 | 98 | 96 | 102 | 111 | 111 | | | | |
| INSTITUTION - VARIES | 227 | 315 | 314 | 327 | 335 | 361 | 335 | 361 | 414 | 361 | 414 | 429 | 445 | 477 | 477 | | | | |
| SUSTAINING - \$100 | 84 | 88 | 83 | 58 | 88 | 83 | 88 | 83 | 98 | 83 | 98 | 86 | 90 | 95 | 95 | | | | |
| BICENTENNIAL - \$200 | 1 | 9 | 9 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| FRIEND - \$250 (DONOR TILL 2020) | 11 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 6 | | | | |
| PATRON - \$500 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 6 | | | | |
| LINCOLN SILVER - \$1000 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| COMP (ESTIMATE) | 740 | 939 | 926 | 934 | 955 | 1031 | 955 | 1031 | 1077 | 1031 | 1077 | 1114 | 1159 | 1216 | 1216 | | | | |
| TOTAL | <u>216</u> | <u>113</u> | <u>207</u> | <u>225</u> | <u>225</u> | <u>225</u> | <u>225</u> | <u>225</u> | <u>225</u> | <u>225</u> | <u>225</u> | <u>224</u> | <u>225</u> | <u>225</u> | <u>216</u> | | | | |
| | 956 | 1052 | 1133 | 1159 | 1180 | 1256 | 1180 | 1256 | 1302 | 1256 | 1302 | 1338 | 1609 | 1432 | 1432 | | | | |
| DID NOT RENEW | | 164 | 112 | 114 | 148 | 146 | 148 | 146 | 120 | | | | | | | | | | |
| HAVE YET TO RENEW FOR 2021 | 121 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS | 32 | 113 | 80 | 34 | 56 | 78 | 56 | 78 | 68 | 78 | 68 | 68 | 47 | 101 | 101 | | | | |

Comps are now a more accurate number (several have joined and smaller newspapers have sold and merged and now have one owner/distributor). We are in the process of adding more newspapers so our publications and contents can be more publicized. If you know of a newspaper that may like to be added to our heritage mailing list, please let me know and I'll check to see if they are on the list.

Mary Lou Johnsrud

ISHS 2021 Office, Board, and Advisory Board Slate of Nominees for Consideration at February 20, 2021
Meeting of the ISHS Board of Directors

The following candidates for the ISHS 2021 elections are as follows:

Officers:

Dan Monroe, for president (second term)
Marilyn Leyland, for vice president
Ty Rohrer, for treasurer
William Shannon IV, for secretary

For Directors

2021-2023

Reg Ankrom
John Hallwas
Todd Carr (replacement for Rachael Lea Ward)
Tim Draper (replacement for Ty Rohrer, treasurer nominee)
Cinda Klickna

2022-2023

Debra Dudek
Richard Lindberg
Brian Mullgardt
Cathy Popovitch
Chuck Stanley (replacement for William Shannon, secretary nominee)

2023-2024

Michael Wiant
David Joens
Christian McWhirter
Mark Flotow
Vacant

Advisory Board

2021-2022

Charlotte Renehan^(T) Elaine Egendorf
John McClarey (ISHS board)
Donald Truax (ISHS board)
Mark Pohlada (2nd year)
Aaron Lisec (2nd year)
Jennie Barker Devine (new)
Nathan Pierce (2nd year)
Kristin Lee Hoganson (new)
Cindy Reinhardt (former board member)
Megan Van Gorder (new)
Jenni Dahl (new)
Robert Sampson (new)
Mark Motsinger (returning)

Historical Markers Committee Report

February 20, 2021

The following markers are scheduled to be dedicated in 2021.

- Miner Grade School, Ford County, Dedication Date: TBD
- Founding of the Progressive Miners of America, Macoupin County, Dedication Date: 05/01/2021
- Engelmann Farm (Latin Farmers), St. Clair County, Dedication Date: TBD
- Union Miners Cemetery, Macoupin County, Dedication Date: 10-10-2021

Other items of note.

- Members of the Historic Pullman Foundation and the Beman Committee of the Pullman Civic Organization are working together to have the Pullman marker recast. That marker disappeared. It was dedicated in 1969.
- The Peoria "Friends of Nance" group is working to obtain funding for a marker to commemorate Nance Legins-Costley, the first African American freed by Abraham Lincoln.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Shemoney Evans, Chairman
ISHS Historical Markers Committee

Awards Committee

We had a total of 34 entries submitted for some type of an award:

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| Publications/Scholarly | 15 |
| Publications/Other | 5 |
| Publications/Book of the Year | 4 |
| Publications/Scholarly AND marked Book of the Year | 1 |
| Non-Book Materials/ Ongoing/Periodicals | 3 |
| Public Programming/ Multimedia | 1 |
| Public Programming/ Exhibits | 1 |
| Special Projects | 3 |
| Lifetime Achievement | 1 |

At this time the book of the Year Award has not yet been determined.