

Agenda

Meeting of the ISHS Board of Directors and Advisers
April 23, 2021 VIA Zoom, 5:45 p.m.

1. Welcome from President Dan Monroe
2. Introduction of the Board and Advisory Board
3. Approval of the Minutes.
4. President's Report.
5. Treasurer's Report.
6. Executive Director's Report.
7. Assistant Director for Development Report.
8. Announcements
9. Old Business.
10. New Business.
11. Adjournment.

Attending:

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

Directors: Tim Draper, Mark Flotow, John Hallwas, Cinda Klickna, Richard Lindberg, Christian McWhirter, Brian Mullgardt, Mark Pohlada, Cathy Popovitch, Chuck Stanley, and Michael Wiant. ABSENT: Reg Ankrom, Todd Carr, and Debra Dudek

Advisors: Jenni Dahl, Elaine Egdorf, Mark Flotow, Kristin Hoganson, Aaron Lisec, Nathan Pierce, Cindy Reinhardt, Charlotte Renahan, Robert Sampson, and Don Truax ABSENT: Herb Russell, Jenny Barker-Devine, Megan Van Gorder, Mark Motsinger

Staff: William Furry, executive director; Mary Lou Johnsrud, Office Manager
Guest: Hannah Kline, special consultant for development

President Monroe called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. and invited those on the Zoom call to introduce themselves. After introductions, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Furry said that the minutes were not finished yet, owing to the last-minute work of the annual awards program, but he said they would be distributed later, along with the minutes of this meeting.

President Monroe said he was very pleased with the Annual Awards presentations and he thanked the staff for making the program move swiftly and efficiently. He thanked the judges for helping get the nominations reviewed and back to the staff in a timely way, and he thanked the board for attending the ceremony. Discussion followed with members of the board and advisory board commenting on the quality of nominations and the presentations of the awards. Ms. Johnsrud said that the award certificates would shortly be in the mail to the winners.

Other reports.

President Monroe said that because this board meeting, required by the Constitution to take place at the time of the Annual Meeting, would be abridged, there would be no committee reports, but only officer and staff reports. He then asked newly elected Treasurer Ty Rohrer if he had a report, to which Mr. Rohrer replied in the negative. As both Vice President Marilyn Leyland and Secretary William Shannon IV were also newly elected, they decline to present reports at this occasion. President Monroe then called upon Executive Director Furry to give his report.

Executive Director's Report.

Mr. Furry said that he had been in dialogue with UI Press Journals manager Jeff McArdle, President Monroe, and Robert Sampson, retired history professor at Millikin University, about Dr. Sampson taking on the editorship of the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*. Dr. Sampson accepted the editorship with a three-year commitment, at the rate of \$1,000.00 per issue beginning May 1. Both the ISHS and Dr. Sampson are aware that two of the 2021 issues of the *Journal* are already in production, and his first issue as editor would not begin until the fall of 2021, and he could use this time to get up to speed on the UI Press software for managing submissions. Mr. Furry said that the staff and board would be on call to help the new editor with any transition issues. Mr. Furry said that the Society would also be losing Dr. Tim Draper as the *Journal's* book review editor at the end of the year. Mr. Draper said that he had been book review editor for the *Journal* for eight years, two years longer than he intended, and that he planned to help out with the transition as well.

Development Consultant report.

Ms. Kline announced that the Society and she had moved into a new professional relationship, with Ms. Kline stepping down from the role of Assistant Director for Development and beginning a part-time contractual relationship. Ms. Kline said that she would be working as a by-the-hour paid consultant for the ISHS to help the Society meet its fund-raising goals. To that end she planned to help the Society raise \$150,000 for the endowment by the end of the year, this goal being achieved through direct mail appeals, targeted campaigns, identification of new funding sources, solicitation of donations for the Lincoln-Douglass maquettes (now in production), and other efforts still to be identified. Ms. Kline said she would be reaching out to the board and advisory board members in coming weeks.

President Monroe thanked Ms. Kline for her report, and invited the board to share any announcements. There being no new announcements, he asked if there was any old business to be brought before the board. There being none, he asked if there was any new business to come before the board. There being none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Leyland. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Furry
Executive Director