

**Illinois State Archives Advisory Board/  
Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board  
Minutes of the June 23, 2015 meeting**

A meeting of the Illinois State Archives Advisory Board (ISAAB)/Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board (ISHRAB) was held in Chicago on June 23, 2015 at the Thompson Center in Chicago. Present were Chairman Matthew Rutherford, Vice-Chairman Bea Julian, Pamela Hackbart-Dean, Janet Olson, Neil Dahlstrom, Johanna Russ, Valerie Harris, Alison Eisendrath, Martin Tuohy, and Taran Ley. Also present were Illinois State Archives representatives David Joens, Elaine Evans and Cathy Popovitch.

The meeting began at 1:42 p.m. with a round of introductions. Mr. Joens introduced Ms. Popovitch as the new full-time employee at the Archives. The board reviewed the minutes of the February 26, 2015 meeting. Ms. Olson made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Eisendrath seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Joens gave his Director's Report. He said Fiscal Year 2015 budget for the Archives ends in a week (June 30) and that it has been a good year for the State Archives, all things considered. He said FY 2016 looked to be a difficult year and that the final budget for the state had yet to be approved. He briefly discussed a few projects the State Archives was working on. Also, it should be noted that Kris Stenson and Elaine Evans will be attending the NAGARA conference in Austin, not the SAA conference as noted in the written Director's Report.

Ms. Evans then discussed the proposed 2015 Archives Month Poster. The theme for this year's poster is "40 Years of ISHRAB." Board members offered generally favorable comments. It was suggested that the copy could be trimmed a bit.

Ms. Evans noted that the most recent issue of the newsletter had come out in May. That issue included a picture of the board's February meeting, which was held in the Senate chambers of the Old State Capitol. Ms. Ley offered the use of the Illinois Authors' Room at the State Library for the board's February 2016 meeting.

At 2:05 p.m. the board began discussion on awarding grants through its re-grant program, funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. There were 30 applications to consider and awards were for up to \$5,000. After lengthy discussion the board voted to fund the following:

Augustana College, Special Collections	\$3,094
Peoria Historical Society	\$4,586
Evanston History Center	\$1,500
Batavia Public Library	\$1,420
Cherry Valley Public Library	\$2,500
University of St. Mary of the Lake	\$2,650

The total amount of the grants awarded was \$15,750. Ms. Hackbart-Dean made a motion to approve awarding the grants. Mr. Tuohy seconded the motion. Mr. Dahlstrom recused himself from voting on the Augustana grant but voted in favor of awarding the remainder of the grants. Mr. Tuohy recused himself from voting on the University of St. Mary of the Lake but voted to award the remainder of the grants. The rest of the board voted unanimously to approve all of the grants and the motion was approved. Mr. Joens said he would contact the applicants and let them know the results.

Chairman Rutherford then explained where the board was in the process of revising its long-range plan. He said there would be lengthy discussion on the plan at the board's October meeting but said at this point the board should be considering what needed to be added to the plan.

Board members then offered event announcements. This meeting is Vice-Chairman Julian's final meeting as a board member and Chairman Rutherford and Mr. Joens presented her with a congratulatory plaque and thanked her for her service on the board.

The board set the date of the next meeting for October 8 in Chicago. Vice Chairman Julian made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Ms. Olson. The meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.