

**Colorado Historical Records Advisory Board**  
**Minutes**  
**August 12, 2011**  
**Alma, Colorado**

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by Terry Ketelsen, Chairman. The following members were present: Joel Barker, John Dale, Dr. Jim Hansen, Johanna Harden, Terry Ketelsen, Jaci Spuhler, Robin Theobald, Jay, Bev Allen and Rich Weingardt. Absent: Marge Benham, Christine Bradley, Duncan McCollum.

Guests present: Janice and Robert Bowland, Christie Wright

Minutes of the meeting held on May 13, 2011 were reviewed. John Dale made a motion to approve the minutes and Robin Theobald seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Terry Ketelsen reviewed the status of grants made through the NHPRC re-granting program, and reported updates on progress in achieving goals. Grant awards were made to the following recipients, all of whom accepted the awards. Additional funds were granted to the Eagle County Historical Society and the Historical Society of Idaho Springs after modifications to their grants.

Aspen Historical Society	\$ 850.00 (partial funding)
Bessemer Historical Society	1,996.00
Barco	1,000.00 (partial funding)
Pueblo Historical Society	1,999.75
Eagle County Historical Society	1,000.00
Historical Society of Idaho Springs	2,450.38
Arapahoe Community College	0.00

Terry Ketelsen attended the NHPRC State Coordinator Meeting in Nashville, and reviewed the status of PAHR – the bill was not passed in this session of Congress; it will be re-introduced in January 2012. Also, OMB made a recommendation on funding for NARA, reducing NARA's budget from \$10 million to \$5 million. He also discussed Rep. Chappetz Congressional Resolution to Eliminate the NHPRC. The resolution does not appear to be gaining traction this session, but will likely be re-introduced when (and if) Chappetz is elected a Senator.

Terry Kelsey then discussed the CHRAB Board grant for 2012, asking the following questions:

- Should the re-grant program be continued?
- Should we ask for more dollars?
- Should there be better statewide distribution of awards?

The Board felt that the re-grant program should be continued and that we should ask for \$35,000, an increase of \$10,000. They also agreed that there should be better geographic distribution of grants.

The updated federal funding model will require that CHRAB grants begin in July. The Board approved a six month no-cost extension of the current grant to 6/30/2012. It also approved moving forward to apply for a new grant in July 2012 from NHPRC.

Terry Ketelsen then called on Bob Bowland, Idaho Springs Historical Society, to give a report on the status of the grant received by ISHS. Bowland reported that the minutes had been delivered for scanning

and should be done shortly. He also passed around a copy of an article about the project published in the local paper.

Terry Ketelsen then gave a brief overview of CHRAB priorities, specifically pointing out that the 1999 strategic planning report on priorities needed to be updated. He would like to get several points reaffirmed at the September meeting.

The Board is committed to:

- Preserve/promote access to Colorado's historical records
- Develop guidelines for small repositories
- Preservation of traditional (non-electronic) records
- Use technology to make paper records more accessible
- Improve efficiency of the Board

Ketelsen also noted that he believed the Board should heighten visibility of CHRAB by updating the website more frequently; develop partnerships to promote professional goals, and consider the possibility of creating a Super Board composed of archival, museum and local historical society professionals as an avenue to having more impact on the legislature.

Terry Ketelsen reminded the Board that the next meeting will be at Glenwood Springs on September 9<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30-4 pm.

Bob Bowland asked if an amount assigned to gas on the ISHS grant could be reallocated to scanning. Terry Ketelsen replied that Bowland could petition back to the Board for this request.

Other avenues for funding for archival projects were discussed, including IMLS (which wants to strengthen partnerships with archives), LSTA and CEH.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly B. Allen