

The Michigan State Historical Records Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on January 23, 2012.

In attendance were Sandra Clark, Director of the Michigan Historical Center, Mark Harvey, State Archivist, Erik Nordberg, University Archivist at Michigan Technological University, Tawny Ryan Nelb, Director, Post Street Archives, Dr. Francis X. Blouin Jr. , Director, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan, Dr. Frank Boles, Director, Clarke Historical Library, Central Michigan University and Patrice Merritt, Executive Director, Friends of Detroit Public Library.

Board Updates

Erik Nordberg reported that Michigan Technological University is closing out NHPRC (National Historic Publication and Records Commission) basics, and is hiring for a Detailed project. Partnering with Historical Society of Michigan on workshops. Maybe continuing STEPS program.

Tawny Ryan Nelb reported that the Midland County Historical Society Archives go back to 1867. She is publishing a book about missionaries in the Philippines who collaborated with Grace Dow.

Patrice Merritt reported that the Burton is linking catalog records to EAD finding aids, using archivist's toolkit. The *Friends of the Detroit Public Library* are funding the training. Wayne State University is conducting the training.

In regard to the Coleman Young collection, the *Friends of Michigan History* purchased boxes, and re-boxed the collection. It is ready to be processed. They are applying for IMLS (gave America's treasures) funding.

The Grey Kales family materials has been received. The Kales family collection was saved out of a storage unit in Livonia, Michigan. Mark Bowden takes in seven trunks of correspondence from Kales to others including in the formation of Ford Motor Company.

Wayne State University Press is finally publishing the book *Churches of Detroit*.

Four DPL branches were closed on December 22 that included Montieth, Mark Twain, Lincoln, Richard. Montieth reopened because of BAM (By Any Means) and other interest groups.

The Library Director contract has not been renewed. The current contract ends in August 2012.

Detroit duplicates sale. Verbal ok for selling via the *Friends of the Detroit Public Library*.

Francis Blouin reported that the Bentley completed the Mellon Grant on Email. This was a major project that assisted the ability to receive electronic records. The University of Michigan project is upcoming with Google. The report is due in approximately two months.

Former Governor Jennifer Granholm materials were received, half digital.

The Meijer foundation endowed the position at the Bentley Historical Library in Ann Arbor. The goal is to endow all Michigan Historical Center positions. The University of Michigan is looking at comprehensive records policy.

New collections include:

- Alfred Taubman collection (Sotheby's was a Michigan company for some time).
- New series on Architecture and Design.
- Launching Audio conversion project.
Processing The Past -- a new book by Dr. Francis X. Blouin Jr.

Frank Boles reported that he survived the faculty strike. Central Michigan University is hosting National History Day.

Applied NEH newspaper project, will have the results in August.

New speakers series endowment.

Mark Harvey reported that the Wayne County Road Commission photo collection was received.

Barbara Brown passed away in August 2011. We are working on a continued relationship with the Abrams Foundation.

Census: working on getting online at seekingmichigan.org, 1854-1904.

SNAP GRANT REVIEW:

Board Member Terms:

We are looking into it with Executive office.

We discussed the SNAP GRANT including final reports and future projects.

Board Priorities:

Two problems with the Local government records; the local government societies transitioning to electronic records. Historical information will be lost. We had a discussion about what our role is. Is there a small project we can center around?

We will prepare a document.

We need to provide input on National Historical Publications and Records Commission grants. Should we have a single year project or website as Clearinghouse? Separate legislation as state board? Can we give input prior to submission?

What is Michigan's biggest problem with records? No money. No one is looking for it either. Grant writing workshops may be a good focus.

Set board priorities to determine focus.

Back end marketing of website.

We need to ask National Historical Publications and Records Commission if we can review other grants.

What is the charge for the committee?

Broad charge area of responsibility, work plan.

Other MSHRAB site....

The meeting was concluded after lunch was completed at 1:00 p.m.