

Michigan State Historical Records Advisory Board Meeting
June 11, 2020
Michigan History Center
Zoom Online Conference
10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Board members present: Mark Harvey, Lance Werner, Lindsay Hiltunen, Marian Matyn

Staff and visitors: Jessica Harden, Andrea Gietzen

Call to order and welcome

- Call to order at 10:07 am.

Approval of minutes from 1/23/2020

- The board did not meet in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Lance motioned to approve, Marian seconded. Minutes were approved.

Review 2020 meeting schedule

- The board has one remaining meeting scheduled for October 8. We should know more about our board partnership grant by then.

MHC's solidarity statement

- Mark shared the solidarity statement and there is a meeting with the Michigan Historical Commission about creating an advisory panel to discuss how to proceed with MHC's work.

2019 grant: revised goals, deliverables, and timeline

- The board has been given the green light to repurpose the 2020 funds to assist in disaster relief. Mark has reached out to multiple county officials, the historical society, and Tawny Nelb, but hasn't received any requests for funding. It sounds like most of the work that's happened so far has been with museum objects, not archival documents.
- The public library had some books that got wet but had assistance from the National Guard in moving material and they're currently drying out books.
- In the future, the board may want to develop a quick response package to help organizations figure out what they need and how to go about getting it. This won't be the last flood situation—Iosco County has experienced a flood and Mark and Andrea have reprioritized Archives of Michigan local records collecting to start with counties that are next to bodies of water.
- Next steps: Mark will check back in with Tawny and the board will brainstorm quick response package ideas.

2019 grant: alternative direction for assessments

- There are several organizations that have had assessments that might be able to apply for regrant funds. If we post the opportunity in the next month, we could have pre-grant webinars in August, make the deadline in September, consider applications at the October meeting, and give institutions 6 months to complete their projects. The timeline is quick, but we'd already be overlapping the next grant. Everyone in attendance verbally approved this idea.

2021 grant application

- Mark submitted the application yesterday and the paperwork is in Basecamp. Hopefully we'll hear back by September.

Web update

- MHC still hasn't gotten approval to hire students. If approval doesn't come through, archives staff will work on website updates internally.
- Final reports for this year's grant recipients are in and can go on the website.

New business

- Board members gave updates on COVID-related changes at their institutions.

Adjourn

- Marian motioned to adjourn, Lindsay seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:35