

Rhode Island Historical Records Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting – September 2, 2015

Rhode Island State Archives

337 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903

Attending: Maria Bernier, Dave Maslyn, Donna DiMichele, Russell Franks, Michael Hebert, Marlene Lopes, and Gwenn Stearn, chair.

Not attending: Jane Civins, Allison Cywin, Jonathan Galli, Stephen Grimes, and Peggy Long.

Meeting called to order: 10:20 a.m.

I Minutes of meeting – May 6, 2015 and June 10, 2015

Franks moved to approve the minutes of May 6, 2015. Maslyn seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved. Bernier moved to approve the minutes of June 10, 2015. Franks seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

II Discussion concerning the revised draft strategic plan and incorporations thereto

Members discussed changes to the revised draft strategic plan.

Stearn asked for a motion to adopt the revised strategic plan. Bernier moved to adopt with all previous revisions included. Maslyn seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

III Discussion regarding priorities for ensuing year

Stearn asked to defer this discussion to the November meeting. DiMichele asked if the Secretary of State could communicate to the Governor the importance of making appointments to fill Board vacancies.

IV News and announcements

Maslyn announced that URI had appointed a new Dean of Libraries—Karim B. Boughida. Head of Special Collections and University Archives, Sarina Wyant Rodrigues, had resigned and Mark Dionne was currently managing the department. The opening for head of Special Collections and University Archives position will be posted.

Maslyn also informed members about the NEH 50th anniversary celebration that took place in August, which also honored the late Senator Pell. (<http://rihumanities.org/pell-humanities-initiative/>)

Maslyn announced that URI will leave the HELIN consortium in December. Brown University and Bryant University will likewise

remain members until December.

DiMichele reported that at the RI Emergency Management Agency's Annual Preparedness Conference, Alex Allardt of Art Care Resources, Theresa Woodmansee, former Project Manager of Protecting the Past-RI, and she gave a session for EMA managers on how to work with cultural heritage institutions and to promote Emergency Support Function 17 (ESF 17).

V Adjournment

DiMichele moved to adjourn the meeting. Maslyn seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Amended and approved March 2, 2016.