

**Massachusetts State Historical Records Advisory Board (MA SHRAB)  
Meeting**

Date: September 10, 2014

Time: 10:00 am to 11:45 am

Location: University of Massachusetts, Amherst

W.E.B. DuBois Library

154 Hicks Way, Amherst, MA 01003

**Attendance:** Rob Cox; Penni Martorell; Veronica Martzahl (Deputy Coordinator and Secretary); Cliff McCarty; Dan McCormack; Rachel Onuf; Gregor Trinkaus-Randall, and Jack Warner (Coordinator)

**Absent:** Libby Bouvier; Vicky Kruckeberg; and Kaari Mai Tari,

**Call to Order**

Jack Warner called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

**Discussion of NHPRC Access to Historical Records**

- The Board reviewed grant RH-50145 and provided comments to Jack Warner for submission to the NHPRC.
- The Board reviewed grant RH-50172 and provided comments to Jack Warner for submission to the NHPRC.

Final comments and written reviews are due to Jack by the end of business on Monday, September 15, 2014.

The Board agreed that additional promotion of pre-submission grant review is needed.

**Roving Archivist Program Updates**

Rachel Onuf presented a report to the Board. She has met at least once with all but one of the awardee institutions. The Board discussed adding the following language to the grant applications:

- How did you hear about the Roving Archivist/Regrant program?
- Language consenting to publicity about services rendered

**Review of 4<sup>th</sup> Round of Roving Archivist Program Applications**

The group reviewed and approved the following applications for Roving Archivist services.

Egremont Historical Commission – Level 3 Services

Fall River Public Library – Level 1 Services

Town of Grafton, Town Clerk – Level 1 Services

Hamilton Historical Society – Level 2 Services

Jamaica Plain Historical Society – Level 3 Services (with instruction to Rachel to offer additional Level 1 or 2 services if appropriate)  
The Rivers School – Level 1 Services  
Ware Historical Society – Level 1 Services

Appendix A summarizes services awarded to date.

### **Review of 3<sup>rd</sup> Round of Regrant Program Applications**

The group reviewed and approved the following requests for regrant funds with the following notes:

Longmeadow Historical Society – Approved - \$1,000.00

The group also asked Rachel to follow up with Swift River Valley Historical Society about whether they want to revise and resubmit their previous regrant request now that they have had Level 1 Roving Archivist services or if they want the Board to reconsider their previously submitted application.

Including the approved funding for Longmeadow Historical Society and the hold on money for Swift River Valley Historical Society, the MA SHRAB has approved \$8,342.10 of the budgeted \$12,500.00. This leave \$4,157.90 in regrant money available through the end of the calendar year.

Appendix B summarizes grants to date.

Appendix C is a map of all Roving Archivist and Regrant sites.

### **Future Planning**

#### *2015 Funding*

Because the MA SHRAB was able to delay the start of their most recent SNAP grant until January 2015, the Board has funding through the 2015 calendar year and did not need to submit a proposal under the current NHPRC funding cycle. A total of \$37,750.00 is available (\$25,000 Roving Archivist, \$2,000 RA travel, \$10,750 Regrants.)

#### *2015 Forum*

The group was encourage to start considering options for the 2015 Forum, including partnering with Mass. Humanities or moving the conference to the fall. There is no specific funding available for the forum in the grant.

#### *Beyond 2016*

The Board briefly discussed same developments under consideration at the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissions that may allow for the Roving Archivist program to be expanded. If this happens and funding is shifted to MBLC, the Board would be able to consider alternative programming, such as a Massachusetts History Expo and/or a statewide portal to archives, museums, libraries, historical societies, town clerks' offices, etc.

## Appendix A: Roving Archivist Applications

Round	Institution	Level	Approved?
1	Andover Historical Society	1	Y
1	Association of Gravestone Studies	1	Y
1	Buckland Public Library	1	Y
1	Chelmsford TeleMedia	1	Y
1	EcoTarium	3	Y
1	Grafton Public Library	1	Y
1	Longmeadow Historical Society	1	Y
1	Perkins School of the Blind	3	Y
1	Plainfield Historical Society	1	Y
1	Town of Hanover	1	N
1	Whitman Public Library	1	Y
1	Littleton Historical Society	3	Y
2	Egremont Historical Commission	1	Y
2	Grafton Public Library	3	Y
2	Halifax Historical Society	1	Y
2	Hamilton Historical Society	1	Y
2	Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, Phillips Academy	1	Y
2	Whitinsville Social Library	1	Y
2	Uxbridge Free Public Library	1	Y
3	Franklin Regional Council of Governments	1	Y
3	Longmeadow Historical Society	1	Y
3	Sons and Daughters of Hawley, Inc.	1	Y
3	Swift River Valley Historical Society	1	Y
4	Fall River Public Library	1	Y
4	Grafton Town Clerk	1	Y
4	Rivers School	1	Y
4	Ware Historical Society	1	Y
4	Hamilton Historical Society	2	Y
4	Egremont Historical Commission	3	Y
4	Jamaica Plains Historical Society	3	Y

Appendix B: Regrant Applications

Round	Institution	Amount	Approved?	
1	Belchertown Historical Association	\$934.10	Y	934.1
1	Littleton Historical Society	\$963	Y	963
1	Wistariahurst Museum	\$1,000	Y	1000
1	Bostonian Society		N	
1	Hamilton Historical Society		N	
1	Lynn English High School		N	
2	Dedham Historical Society and Museum	\$885	Y	885
2	Egremont Historical Commission	\$1,000	Y	1000
2	MyTown	\$560	Y	560
2	Worthington Historical Society	\$1,000	Y	1000
2	Office of the City Clerk, Everett		N	
2	Swift River Valley Historical Society	\$1,000	WAIT	1000
				Reapply after RA
3	Longmeadow Historical Society	\$1,000	Y	1000

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## Appendix C: Map of Roving Archivist and Regrant Applications

Link to map: <http://bit.ly/1ADo8bd>

