



Lawrence History Center
45th Annual Meeting and Open House
September 23, 2023
10:00 AM –10:30 AM

MINUTES

Welcome & Introductions

Mark Svendsen, Treasurer (for Mark Cutler, President)

Mark called the meeting that took place in the Essex Company Stable to order at 10:05 AM. He welcomed guests and thanked LHC board, staff, and volunteers for their efforts across the last year.

I. Business Meeting

- A. Call to Order Mark Svendsen
- B. Secretary's Report Mark Svendsen (for Sara Morin Barth, Secretary)
- a. Approval of the Minutes, September 24, 2022

The minutes from the meeting on September 24, 2022 were unanimously approved, with no opposition.

- C. Approval of FY2023 Treasurer's Report Mark Svendsen, Treasurer
- Mark presented the FY2023 Treasurer's Report for acceptance. His overview included a summary of our revenue and other support, in addition to our expenses and investment account balance.

The FY2023 Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved, with no opposition.

- D. Bylaws Revision
- Mark explained the following revision to the LHC Bylaws that will allow us to stagger terms so that no more than one third of the board terms are set to expire in the same year (change in RED).

Section 4.4 - Terms of Office

The first Board of Directors shall consist of those persons named in the Articles of Incorporation. Thereafter, election of Board members shall occur at each annual meeting of the membership. The terms of board members shall be staggered.

Thereafter, Board members shall serve three-year terms with approximately one-~~fourth~~ **third** of the Board members elected at each annual meeting. **Term length may be changed to one-year or two-year terms for new or renewing board members if more than a third of the board terms are set to expire in the same year.** Each board member shall hold office until the annual meeting when his/her term expires and/or until his/her

successor has been elected and qualified. Board members may serve a maximum of four (4) consecutive terms.

The Bylaws Revision was unanimously approved, with no opposition.

- E. Report from Nominating Committee Mark Svendsen (for Glennys Sanchez, VP)
Mark presented the following Board Slate of Candidates, 2023-2024 and introduced one new nominated board member:

New Officer(s):

Mark Cutler, Immediate Past President, 2023-2024
Sara Morin Barth, President, 2023-2026 (1st Term)
Andy Kelley, Vice President, 2023-2026 (1st Term)
Karen Van Welden Herman, Secretary, 2023-2026 (1st Term)

Renewing Director Position(s):

Mary Guerrero, 2023 – 2025 (4th term)*
Michael W. Morris, Jr. Esq., 2023 – 2025 (2nd term)*
Glennys Sanchez, 2023 – 2025 (1st term)*
Jineyda Tapia, 2023 – 2025 (2nd term)*

* 2-year term (vs. 3-year term) to stagger board terms.

New Board Director(s):

Stelvyn Mirabal, 2023-2026 (1st term)

- a. Approval of Board Slate
i. Call for nominations

Hearing no new nominations, the LHC Board Slate for 2023-2024 was unanimously approved, with no opposition.

- o Recognition of Outgoing Board Officers and Directors
After Board Slate's acceptance by the membership, Mark S. also thanked outgoing board members Anil “Nilly” DaCosta and Mike Hearn.

- F. Adjourn
Mark extended his sincere gratitude to the board, staff, and volunteers for all their hard work in getting LHC to its 45th year so successfully.

Adjournment was unanimously approved, with no opposition

II. Collection Manager Update

Amita Kiley

Amita and thanked our volunteers and interns for their help and shared some insights about our collection activity.

III. FY2023 Director's Report

Susan Grabski

Susan thanked the LHC Board of Directors for the generosity and talent, the LHC staff and volunteers, as well as all those who supported the operations and programs of the History Center throughout its 45th year. She highlighted major accomplishments of the organization from the LHC *Annual Report, 2022 | 2023* (<http://www.lawrencehistory.org/annualreport/fy2023>).

We thank our membership for their ongoing support and look forward to another great year in 2024!

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Grabski for Sara Morin Barth, LHC Board Secretary

The following presentations also took place during the day:

"They Never Came Home: Remembering the 12 heroes from Lawrence who fought and died during D-Day and the Battle of Normandy".

LHC volunteer Rick Wetmore shared stories of the 12 men from Lawrence who are buried at the American Cemetery in Normandy at the LHC Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 23, 2023. The event may be viewed here: <https://vimeo.com/868150441>

Blacksmithing Saturday at the Essex Company Forge

Demonstration by Richard Wright