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Historical Records Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes May 27, 2010

The Board convened at 2:05 p.m. in the old conference room of the Archives building. In attendance were members Richard E. Winslow III, Anne T. Packard, Marcia Schmidt Blaine, and Frank C. Mevers. Members Paul Bergeron, Ed Desrochers, and Betsy Hamlin-Morin had sent their regret at being unable to attend. Brian Nelson Burford, State Records Manager, attended at the Coordinator's request.

Mevers remarked on personnel changes at the National Archives, including those at NHPRC.

The Coordinator reported that he had not applied for "Snap" grants from NHPRC in 2008, 2009, or 2010. PAHR legislation is underway in Congress and Sen. Jeanne Shaheen has signed as a co-sponsor of this legislation.

Burford reported on intern and volunteer programs at the Archives over the past 18 months citing the work of volunteer Milli Knudsen and also of the Southern NH University intern project carried out in conjunction with the Supreme Court Society of New Hampshire.

Mevers noted that COSA, SAA, and NAGARA will meet together in Washington, DC, this August, and that one of our members, Nashua City Clerk Paul Bergeron, will take over as president of NAGARA at that meeting.

The Archives will be receiving the gubernatorial records of Jeanne Shaheen in June.

The legislature has passed HB1415 this session calling for governors to place their public records at the Archives or at a repository approved by the state archivist.

Mevers pointed out that there are two vacancies on our Board; and reminded the Board that it continues to have a budget of \$100 annually.

In Old Business the Board discussed 2010 Archives Month and will be thinking of how the Board might recognize it this year. The past two years have been celebrated through bookmarks.

Under New Business the Coordinator reported that he had been asked by the legislature to defend the need for the existence of the SHRAB and the Municipal Records Board as part of an effort to eliminate unnecessary governmental entities.

Also under New Business Mevers reported on a grant from IMLS to the State Library and State Archives for "Connecting to Collections," an internet-based project to list all New Hampshire research collections on a searchable database for general public accessibility.

The Coordinator announced that his retirement from the position of State Archivist/Director of the Division of Archives & Records Management (and, hence, as coordinator of this Board) will become effective September 1, 2010.

There ensued further discussion of interns and volunteers at the Archives.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 *sine die*.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank C. Mevers, Coordinator