

ONRA Minutes
Annual Meeting
Tuesday, November 15, 2011
Spaghetti Warehouse

Call to Order: President Dean Ringle called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following Board members were present: **Dean Ringle, Marian Vance, Mary Ellen Weingartner, Ed Wagstaff, Charla Devine, Mike Peppe, Cyndie Gerken, Denna Johnson, Sylvia Miller, Paul Seibel, Jeff Sewert, David Wesler, Nancy Campbell, Elizabeth Reeb, Ed Kemper, Jane Lightner, David Wesler, Lynn Kartavich, Alan King,** and ex officio members **Jonathan Beard** and **Frank Quinn.** Also in attendance were Byway Coordinator, **Melanie Runkel** and the following guests: Mary Lou Ringle, Kathy Peppe, Horton Hobbs, Bonnie Young, Larry Vance, Randy Young, Jeff Carskadden, Harry Miller, Alma Kemper, Phyllis Seibel, Harry Campbell, Glenn Harper, Jennifer Beard, Linda Wagstaff, Kelso & Judy Wessel, Kathy King, and Jim, Nike, & Thalia Lagos.

Secretary's Report: A motion to approve the minutes from the September 27, 2011 Board meeting was made by Cyndie Gerken and seconded by Paul Seibel. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Marian Vance presented the November 2011 Treasurer's Report noting revenue and expenditure balances. A motion to accept the report was made by Denna Johnson and seconded by Lynn Kartavich. Motion carried.

Coordinator's Report: ONRA Byway Coordinator, Melanie Runkel presented a written report which included six invoices requiring Board approval as well as grant status and membership information.

Services Billing - The Marketing Grant invoice (for July-September) was \$875.30 with the 20% ONRA share at \$175.06; the Marketing Grant invoice from October was \$1231.11 with the 20 % ONRA share at \$246.22. A motion to approve payment was made by David Wesler and seconded by Denna Johnson. Motion carried.

Coordinator Services Billing - An invoice for services from July-October was \$167.10 with the 20% ONRA share at \$33.42. A motion to approve payment was made by Jeff Sewert and seconded by Nancy Campbell. Motion carried.

Adjustment - A FY 11 CAP rate adjustment invoice for the Signage Grant was \$411.75 with the 20% ONRA share at \$82.35. A motion to approve payment was made by Cyndie Gerken and seconded by Paul Seibel. Motion carried.

Signage Billing - The Signage Grant invoice for September was \$1,190.60, with the 20% ONRA share at \$238.12; a Signage Grant invoice for October was \$1078.07 with the 20% ONRA share at \$215.61. A motion to approve payment was made by Lynn Kartavich and seconded by Paul Seibel seconded. Motion carried.

Membership Renewals – There were 89 membership renewals/new members in 2011. Two large membership pushes (in July and October) solicited memberships from those people/businesses who had not renewed in quite some time.

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Old Business:

Endowment Fund Raiser - On September 16th and 23rd, fund raiser dinner events provided two beautiful evenings at Jerry and Jacki Gross' restored toll road house in Lewisburg benefiting the Glenn Harper Endowment Fund. A check for the net proceeds in the amount of \$3463.78 was presented to Horton Hobbs of The Springfield Foundation. These donations took us over our initial \$10,000 goal, and allowed ONRA to fund the Endowment by the deadline of September 30, 2011.

New Business:

Board Member Appointments - Nine Board members were due to be re-appointed to new 3-year terms to expire on 1/31/15, including: Ed Kemper to current Montgomery Co. seat, Elizabeth Reeb to current Muskingum Co. seat, Larry Bicking to current Licking Co. seat, Dave Wesler to current Preble Co. seat, Lynn Kartavich to current At-large seat, Dean Ringle to current Franklin Co. seat, Jeff Sewert to current At-large seat, Dave Fisher to current Miami County seat, and Jane Balchan to current Clark County seat. A motion to re-appoint was made by Denna Johnson and seconded by Nancy Campbell. Motion carried.

2012 Meeting Dates – Meetings take place on a bi-monthly schedule on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM (except for the November Annual Meeting) in Conference Room 119 C at the Columbus Public Health building located at 204 Parsons Avenue in Columbus, Ohio. The 2012 dates are **January 24, March 27, May 22, July 24, September 25, & November 13** (Annual Meeting - location TBA).

Video Presentation: Jim Lagos, owner of Springfield's Bushnell Building, told us about the painstaking revitalization efforts underway there, and showed a video tape explaining the building's authentic restoration and its energy efficiency. It demonstrated that old buildings can be historically restored yet still be energy efficient and fully functional.

ONRA Year in Review: President Ringle provided a Power Point presentation of the activities during 2011, which highlighted the accomplishments of the ONRA organization.

Committee Reports:

Signage Committee – Mike Peppe reported that sign unveilings will continue in the spring as the weather permits. A total of 40 signs are finished, 19 of which have been installed, and the rest are either ready for production or are completed and waiting to be scheduled for unveiling. All unveilings are pictured on the ONRA web site.

Marketing Committee Report –

Ohio National Road Art Print – The newly released art print was unveiled. Both artist-signed and unsigned prints are on the web site and available for purchase. Cyndie Gerken has a supply of prints for sale to ONRA members.

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Marketing Committee Report (continued) –

Playing Cards and Cookbooks – The ONRA Marketing Grant report provides information regarding 2011 sales of the playing cards and cookbooks. Committee Chair Denna Johnson discussed the apparel line which was approved for web set-up at the September meeting. She explained that Board approval is needed to add the cost of the ONRA logo to the apparel prices. A motion to approve the additional cost was made by Mike Peppe and seconded by Lynn Kartavich. Motion carried. Denna and Frank Quinn will decide which items will be placed on the new web page, and ONRA members can make a selection and purchase it from the web site.

Award Presentations:

Dean Ringle presented the 2011 Milestone Leadership Award to Jonathan Beard “for his unwavering efforts to promote the original route of the National Road through downtown Columbus, and for his continued accomplishments in the renovation and rejuvenation of east Columbus neighborhoods along the National Road.”

Cyndie Gerken presented the 2011 Milestone Preservation Award to Jim and Nike Lagos for their "steadfast commitment to and investment in the preservation and revitalization of downtown Springfield through the restoration and rehabilitation of the historic Bushnell Building, located on Main Street, the original route of the National Road." Jim and Nike's daughter, Thalia, helped to accept the award.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Seibel and seconded by Cyndie Gerken. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Mary Ellen Weingartner.