



Hybrid Meeting Thursday, December 14, 2023, 10:00 AM

NMHRAB members present – Nicolasa Chávez, Jonathan Pringle, Rick Hendricks, Ryan Flahive,
NMHRAB members present via Zoom - Rob Martínez, Lisa Johnston, Elizabeth Ernst

I. OPENING ACTIVITIES

A. Call to Order – Dr. Rick Hendricks called the meeting to order at 10:01am

B. Approval of Agenda – The December 14, 2023, meeting agenda was unanimously approved by roll-call vote.

C. Approval of Minutes of the July 13, 2023, Ranking Meeting – The draft of meeting minutes from the July 13, 2023, ranking meeting were unanimously approved by rollcall vote.

II. ACTION ITEMS-

A. Report on funding and discussion for next two-year grant cycle – Deputy State Historian/Grants Administrator Nicolasa Chávez reported the NHPRC State Board Programming Grant application was approved and that NMHRAB will receive a total of \$80,000.00, the highest amount of funding that is awarded. This funding will be for the two-year period beginning in FY25 and ending at the end of FY26. The application period for the FY25 NMHRAB re-grants will open in the early Spring of 2024.

B. Recruitment of new board members – Nicolasa Chávez and Jonathan Pringle welcomed Marissa Hendriks, archivist from the Couse-Lunder Research Center, who is a potential future board member. Discussion followed regarding the state rule that precludes organizations in which board members work or serve from applying for and receiving NMHRAB re-grants. The board stressed the importance of bringing this issue and a rule change to the CPR. Dr. Rick Hendricks explained the process in detail. The board is in favor of proposing a Rule Change to attract more potential board members.

III. REPORTS

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A. Grants Administrator's Report – Nicolasa Chávez reported that all FY24 mini-grant recipients are nearing completion of their projects. Project completion deadline is December 31, 2023. The next re-grant cycle will begin for the FY25 funding period in the Spring. Applications will open late February-early March. Discussion followed by the board as to how best to advertise and promote the re-grant program. Jonathan Pringle asked if there are ways to make the NMHRAB re-grant page discoverable via Google. Ryan Flahive suggested that all materials be available via Pdf so that they may be mailed out easily and efficiently to interested parties. All agreed that this would be a good alternative format for future grant applicants who might not have online access to the grant application. Discussion followed as to how best make the website and online materials easier to search and discover.

B. Chair's Report – Dr. Hendricks stated that all issues to be reported on were discussed in the above action items.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Time is reserved at each meeting for members of the public to address the Commission. The length of comments may be limited by the Chair if the schedule requires. Commission Members may ask clarifying questions but cannot enter substantive discussion or take formal action on comments unless noticed in a future meeting pursuant to the New Mexico Open Meetings Act. Dena Hunt brought up the subject of the re-grant application tech review form that is used by SRCA archivists when conducting technical reviews of the grants.

V. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING – The next NMHRAB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 25, 2023, at 10:00am. This will be a hybrid meeting with in-person attendance in the Piñon Room at the State Records Center and Archives. Dr. Hendricks reminded board members that the Attorney General's Office has expressed the view that members of boards and commissions should attend meetings in person but that meetings should be hybrid so that members of the public can attend virtually.

VI. ADJOURNMENT – Dr. Hendricks adjourned the meeting at 11:20am.