

**Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial
Commission Meeting**
October 28, 2009
MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History
Little Rock, Arkansas

Members Present

Mark Christ – Designee, Department of Arkansas Heritage
Tommy Dupree – Jacksonville, Governor Appointee
Laura Miller – President, Arkansas Historical Association
Jim Branson – House Speaker Designee
Dr. George Lankford – Batesville, Senate Pro Tem Designee
W. Danny Honnoll – President, Arkansas Civil War Heritage Trails Foundation
Archie Moore – Governor Appointee
Mark Kalkbrenner – Arkansas Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans
Bill Gatewood, Director – Old State House Museum
DeeLois Lawrence – President, Arkansas Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy
Sam Wang – Sons of Union Veterans
Ellen M. Lewis – Senate Pro Tem Designee

Members Absent

Dr. Wendy Richter – Director, Arkansas History Commission
Ernest Cunningham – Governor Appointee
Dr. Jamie Brandon – Governor Appointee
Carolyn Ashcraft – Director, Arkansas State Library
DuShun Scarbrough – Director, Martin Luther King Commission
Richard Davies – Director, Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism
John C. Scott – Pea Ridge National Military Park

Visitors

Frances McSwain – Director, Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
Cathie Matthews – Director, Department of Arkansas Heritage
Marynell Branch – Deputy Director, Department of Arkansas Heritage
Trey Berry – Deputy Director, Department of Arkansas Heritage
Patricia Grant – Historic Arkansas Museum
Keith Jefferson – Buffalo National River
Ed French – Community Affairs Specialist, Sen. Blanche Lincoln's Office

Tommy Dupree called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. He asked each guest to stand and introduce themselves and tell where they are from. Tommy welcomed all of the guests.

Marynell Branch announced that the Statements of Financial Interest will be due in January or February and advised the commission members that they could use the information from the previous year's financial interest statements for the new year unless there have been some changes.

Marynell also stated that she would like to suggest a trivia bowl about the Civil War in Arkansas some time during the Sesquicentennial commemoration.

Tommy Dupree then called for approval of the minutes from the July 29, 2009 commission meeting. George Lankford moved and Jim Branson seconded the approval of the July 29, 2009, minutes. The motion passed.

Report on Website Status

Bill Gatewood stated that his hope is that the feature that is being introduced to the ACWSC will make meeting easier. He introduced Lauren Rath of Aristotle for the presentation of the Arkansas Civil War 150 Message Board Tutorial. Lauren advised everyone that her email address is on the handout and that they could contact her if necessary. However, she did suggest that the commission members email Mark Christ first as he is the website's administrator and he maybe able to answer their questions without contacting Aristotle. Lauren used the handout along with a slide show to cover the high points of the new message board or forum feature for the website. She stated that the commission members could call Mark Christ to set up their user accounts. Lauren also advised the commissioners that they should use a character in their login such as a (!, ?, \$, *, etc.).

George Lankford asked who the administrator of the site is and Lauren stated that it is Mark Christ. She also suggested that members contact Mark for account setup.

Tommy Dupree asked about the number of hits to the website. Lauren stated that she would check on the numbers. She is not the person that usually works on the ACWSC site. Mark Christ stated that he could email that information to everyone. Tommy stated that he would like for Mark Christ to send out this information to the commission members before each meeting.

Mark Kalkbrenner stated that he attended a 3 hour summer workshop. He stated that the workshop basically allowed the attendants to browse certain Arkansas-based websites. Since the workshop was finished early Mark asked if he could go over the ACWSC website. The instructor agreed and he spent about an hour going over the features of the website as well as showing the group the video that is streaming on the site. He then stated that he stayed for the afternoon session at the instructor's request. There were about 60 to 70 teachers in attendance that are now familiar with the ACWSC.

Ellen Lewis asked how the forum (message board) would improve communication. Lauren Rath stated that the forum would put everything in on spot and make everything

more cohesive. Mark Christ stated that it would be useful for subcommittees. Bill Gatewood stated that it would work much like the Department of Arkansas Heritage intranet.

Mark Christ stated that there are several other things going on with the website. He added that he has been working with the mass communications department at UALR, thanks to a suggestion from Laura Miller, and they are recording podcasts for the commission. UALR has already recorded 2 in the previous week with Carl Moneyhon talking about the political situation in Arkansas before the Civil War and the motivations of the initial soldiers to enlist the Confederate Army. On October 29, 2009, Michael Dugan, who used to teach at ASU, is going to do a couple of pieces on the Secession Convention.

There will be another page coming up on the website for the historical marker program and the grant program once that is moving forward. A searchable database of battles that took place in Arkansas during the Civil War will be placed on the ACWSC website also.

Finally, since the education page didn't have anything that was really kid-friendly, Tammy Dillon, who is with the Department of Arkansas Heritage education department, is coming up with some material to add to that page that is more accessible for children and not just teachers. He will have more information about this at a later date.

Update on Heritage Trails Program

Mark Christ stated that Tony Feaster of AHPP has come up with routes for the Pea Ridge Campaign, Prairie Grove Campaign, Confederate approaches to Helena, Little Rock Campaign, Confederate approaches to Pine Bluff, Camden Expedition, and Price's Raid as it pertained to Arkansas. The information has been sent to Richard Davies in order for him to send the information to the Highway and Transportation Department.

Update on Historical Marker Program

Mark Christ reported that the marker program is moving right along. There has been a request for bids to identify a firm to produce markers for the marker program. He stated that it is looking like Sewah is the firm that the commission will be using since they did the centennial markers and already have the template. There will be a hearing on November 16, 2009, and the legislature will review the grant program process. The Commission wants the first marker to be placed at the Little Rock Arsenal, which houses the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History. Mark stated that he has to apply for a certificate of appropriateness from the Little Rock Historic District Commission because the Arsenal is located in the MacArthur Park Historic District. He will be meeting with them November 9, 2009, to get final approval.

There is still \$33,000 in matching money for marker proposals from around the state. The goal is to try to get at least one marker in each county in Arkansas.

Mark Kalkbrenner stated that he received a call from the Pine Bluff Mayor's Office about help with the Sesquicentennial in Pine Bluff and they are interested in placing markers at every Civil War site in Pine Bluff. They want to do something to commemorate the firing on the troop transports in late February of 1861. He stated that the national group said that they would kick off the celebration with the firing at Pine Bluff before the firing at Ft. Sumter.

Mark Christ stated that he needed some guidance on the marker program. The website will include the location and text of the marker. The plan that Mudpuppy and Waterdog came up with calls for the commission to grandfather in the markers from the centennial. There were 18, with one missing. He knows where they are and is in the process of photographing those. Mark asked how the commission or does the commission wants to deal with markers that were made by other organizations. Camden's Advertising and Promotion Commission placed several markers at each of the sites where the forts surrounding Camden were located. At Reed's Bridge the Jaycees placed a marker in the 70s. There are scattered markers around the state like this. Does the commission want to look at those or stick strictly with the ones that the state did for the centennial and maybe encourage some of the other organizations to get the official sesquicentennial marker?

George Lankford asked if the UDC did any markers. Mark stated that most of the UDC ones were the stone monument type. DeeLois Lawrence asked if this will leave out the UDC and other Confederate organizations. Samuel Wang believes the commission should leave those markers alone. Ellen Lewis asked for clarity on the process of obtaining a marker. Mark Christ stated that the program would be totally constituent driven. The only marker that the commission is suggesting is the first one.

George Lankford asked about the style of the marker and Mark Christ clarified that it would be the classic metal style. Mark stated that he was a fan of the waysides, but he believes it is a better fit for the grant program. Danny Honnoll discussed waysides and their upkeep. He agreed that the free-standing markers are the best for this marker program.

Danny then referred back to a previous question about markers and wanted to know if a decision was made. He believes the commission should encourage people have their current markers placed on the website. Danny Honnoll moved and Mark Kalkbrenner seconded the motion to include current markers in the database on the ACWSC website, by application process. Mark Christ stated that he believes the commission should stick with markers. This is what Mudpuppy and Waterdog suggests also.

Samuel Wang voiced some concerns about the commission missing markers. Tommy Dupree stated that they would have to be applied for in order to get the marker added to the database anyway. Anyone that would call and complain would still have to go through the application process. Danny Honnoll suggested that a photo be submitted with the application for placing markers in the database. Deelois Lawrence stated that she thought submitters should clean up marker sites before submitting an application and photo.

Archie Moore asked about what the number 33 represented when speaking of the marker program and Mark Christ explained that the \$33,000 matching money would match up to 33 \$1,000 matching amounts. Each marker should cost about \$2,000, which is \$1,000 from the applicant and \$1,000 of the matching money.

Ellen Lewis asked if the sanctioning committee should worry about the marker program. Mark Christ stated that there is already a committee for the marker program.

The motion passed.

Report on ACWSC Booths at Conferences

Mark Christ stated that the 64th Annual Arkansas Hospitality Association Conference on September 23 & 24, 2009, and the 2009 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference on September 2-5 were both successful in getting the word out about the commission. However, he felt that the AHA Conference was more valuable because there were people in attendance in the tourism industry. He also suggested the commission look for other opportunities to promote the commission.

Update on and Discussion of Passport Program

Laura Miller referred everyone to the handout regarding the passport program included in their packets. She explained the process of how the passport program would work. Laura stated that she and Mark Christ met with Jay Miller, who has been responsible for doing a couple of passport programs in the past, and gathered ideas from him. The commission now has to establish which sites will be included in the program and which ones will have the official stamps for the passports. 25-30 sites should be chosen or decided upon. Laura went over the 4 criteria for sites to be included. They are:

1. First priority for stamp locations are the actual sites where key events occurred and historic homes where individuals associated with the Civil War and Reconstruction lived.
2. The sites must be staffed for regular hours so that visitors are able to access the stamping station.
3. The sites selected will reflect the diversity of the Civil War and Reconstruction experience in Arkansas and will be geographically diverse.
4. Sites that do not meet the above criteria, but do have a connection to the Civil War/Reconstruction or museums that have related exhibits may be listed in the booklet as part of a "Related Sites" section.

The Department of Arkansas Heritage will manage the Passport Program. Visitors who obtain a minimum number of stamps can be eligible for a specially-designed commemorative t-shirt or some other prize. They talked about maybe doing a logo design for each year of the commemoration.

Laura stated that there is a list of sites in the packet. Mark Christ stated that Northeast Arkansas has the smallest number of sites and asked members of the commission to look through the list to determine if there should be in additions to or deletions from the list.

Ellen Lewis asked if additions can be made to the list, and she suggested Lake Chicot State Park. She stated that they have a huge diorama of the Battle of Ditch Bayou and a very informative video about the Civil War in SE Arkansas. Laura stated that the committee welcomes suggestions for additions, but for the commission members to remember to keep the number of sites between 25 and 30. Mark Christ stated that some suggestions maybe good for associated sites as opposed to sites to stamp the passport.

George Lankford asked about promotion of the Passport Program. Laura stated that there will be some promotion of the program via the website and advertisements. Laura and Mark agreed that Richard Davies could probably answer the question best but, Mark is pretty sure Parks and Tourism would do some sort of promotion. Mark Christ stated that people could use the passport as a guide once they receive it. Cathie Matthews suggested a kick-off event for the Passport Program.

Laura stressed that the prize is minimal and that the point is to make this program fun and interesting. The t-shirt is a suggestion because of its affordability. Samuel Wang suggested an accumulation type process instead of making it an annual prize. Laura stated that it was a good suggestion. George Lankford asked about one shirt that is stampable. Laura said the suggestion is a possibility. Ellen Lewis suggested an embroidered cap instead of t-shirt. She suggested that it may cut down on inventory. Laura stated that it depends on the affordability of the chosen prize. Danny Honnoll suggested ranking of participants like officers and giving certificates for ranking based on visits. He felt that people may keep the certificates in a portfolio. Laura stated that she and Mark Christ had talked to Jay about working with school districts so that teachers could get their classes involved. She suggested that the ranking idea could be used with schools that may participate in the program.

Tom Dupree stated that his experience with t-shirts is to order mostly XL. He also suggested that persons receive a jacket that participate and meet the 4 year minimum of site visits in the Passport Program.

Bill Gatewood suggested having the gift shop at the Old State House track the inventory of the prizes. Tommy stated that he didn't think that there would need to be a large inventory on the prizes because most places that you would order from have a pretty quick turn around time.

Deelois Lawrence asked who would be mailing the shirts to the participants. Laura stated that mailing costs were something else to consider. Tommy suggested having participants pick up their shirts from of the stamping locations. Laura stated that this is something that would have to be discussed with the stamping locations to see if this is something they would agree to do. DeeLois mentioned out-of-state visitors may not be willing to drive back to pick up the t-shirt.

Mark Christ stated that there may be other sites to add over the 5 year period as sites develop. Ellen Lewis suggested having a revised edition of the passport on a regular basis. Mark suggested maybe 2 or 3 times over the 5 year period. Ellen also asked about costs for the passport. Laura stated that her committee is still looking into the costs and she and Mark Christ agreed that they didn't think the stamps for each location would cost too much.

Deelois Lawrence suggested having a few shirts at each passport stamp site in case participants are eligible to pick up their shirts.

George Lankford stated that he liked the passport program and believes it is a child-friendly, enthusiasm-building activity. He asked if there was a national program that could advertise this activity. Mark Christ stated that the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) is kind of trying to be the central conduit for all the various states for these types of programs. He stated that he didn't think the National Park Service is doing anything. Ellen Lewis asked about other states with a Sesquicentennial commission that may have the same passport idea. They could suggest that their participants come to Arkansas and participate in our Passport Program. George Lankford stated he had no trouble envisioning a full page ad in *Time* Magazine about the Passport Program. Laura stated that she could check with other states because this is a popular program. Mark Christ stated that he was involved with an AASLH quarterly conference call with other states with sesquicentennial commission or committees and he hasn't heard any mention of this type of program. He stated that Arkansas seems to be ahead of most states. George suggested that this is a great idea for families going on a summer vacation.

Tom Dupree asked when this program should be in place and Laura stated by January or February of 2011. Ellen Lewis suggested late 2010 kick-off event. Tommy suggested the last quarter of the year.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 11:20 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:07 p.m.

Laura Miller asked that everyone revisit the site list. She asked if there were any other questions about the list and George Lankford asked about the difference in the types of bullets on the handout. Mark Christ explained that the round bullets were for the manned sites and the square bullets are sites to visit while in the area (unmanned sites).

Jim Branson asked about museums that are closed on occasion. Mark Christ stated that something will have to be worked out in those instances. Mark Kalkbrenner stated that times need to be added to the passport due to odd opening hours of certain museums. Jim mentioned that Des Arc has odd hours and that they do have some Civil War related displays. Mark Christ stated that he sent memos to all the museums in the state, and

asked them to let him know if they had Civil War exhibits, but he only got a few responses.

George Lankford asked about the state boundaries. Mark Christ stated that he believed the commission just needed to stay within the state of Arkansas.

Jim Branson moved and George Lankford seconded a motion to approve the current Passport Program site list that can be added to later, and with the inclusion of Lake Chicot State Park.

The motion passed.

Mark Christ asked for authorization from the commission to look for sponsorship for t-shirts.

George Lankford moved and Mark Kalkbrenner seconded a motion to allow Mark Christ to proceed with looking for sponsorship and pricing for t-shirts, prizes, and promotion for the Passport Program.

The motion passed.

Discussion of Revisions to Sanctioning Procedures

Tommy Dupree asked the commission members to look at the handout and review the revision that were suggested for the sanctioning procedures.

George Lankford moved to approve the revisions to the sanctioning procedures. Samuel Wang asked if the ACWSC sanctioning rules currently cover things like, “the commission is not responsible for violation of trademarks or copyrights.” George stated that the commission may want to take care of this by changing #3 on the current rules because he would not want to read full manuscripts for books. He was wondering if things that are in the process of being published, if there are outside readers of the work, can the commission get their comments on whether it is a legitimate piece. Mark Christ stated that he did not think publishers would give the commission that information. Tommy Dupree suggested adding a disclaimer. George agreed that a disclaimer would be wise.

Laura Miller stated that this addition is for creative work and not academic work. She asked if interpretive programs and events are otherwise covered in the existing procedures. Mark Christ replied that it is. Laura stated that the revision had to be made to deal with creative license and Mark Christ agreed. She then stated that her concern was with creative license, what is the commission sanctioning. She thinks that the commission can get into problems with things that are literary or creative because people take artistic license and she questions whether the commission should sanction these types of things.

George Lankford asked what the commission plans to accomplish with sanctioning. There was a brief discussion of artistic license. Samuel Wang stated the final sentence in the sanctioning handout covers what this discussion is about. Mark Kalkbrenner stated that the information pertained to what needed to be submitted.

George Lankford asked what if someone wanted the commission's logo on the back of a Civil War poetry book. What are the commission's standards? Archie Moore asked what sanctioning actually means. Mark Christ stated that Archie's question was a good one. Mark stated that sanctioning is simply the commission's review of the product and has found it deserving of bearing the commission logo. DeeLois stated that she thought that the commission would not be judging the worth of the piece being submitted for sanctioning but whether it is authentic. Laura Miller explained the commission is sanctioning creative works and that is what is confusing. Samuel Wang thinks something is being overlooked. He thinks it should be left to the sanctioning committee. George Lankford thinks maybe the commission should stay away from artistic expressions.

Tommy Dupree agreed with Samuel Wang's idea that the sanctioning committee should deal with the sanctioning of events, but he stated that the commission has to give final approval of what ever the committee decides to sanction.

Mark Kalkbrenner stated that he could see the difficulty of sanctioning a play but he could see the commission sanctioning the production.

Jim Branson seconded the approval of the revisions to the sanctioning procedures.

The motion passed with 1 abstention by George Lankford.

Tommy stated that there are 2 sanctioning requests. Mark Christ stated that the National Park Service wants to use the commission logo on the Hot Springs Civil War Flyer that was in the packet. George Lankford pointed out that Arkansas was misspelled in the newsletter. He also stated that he thought the newsletter was a nice piece, but that he didn't know enough about the information to know if it was correct. Tommy Dupree asked the commission for other comments about the newsletter after a brief moment to read through it.

Jim Branson moved and George Lankford seconded a motion to approve the use of the commission logo on the flyer with correction to the misspelling of the word Arkansas.

The motion passed.

Mark Christ suggested using the wording, "permit the use of the commission logo", instead of, "sanction the use of", from this point on. George Lankford moved and Mark Kalkbrenner seconded a motion to accept the new wording.

The motion passed.

Tommy Dupree advised the commission that there is another item needing approval for use of the commission logo. It is a list of songs from Charlie Sandage. Laura Miller stated that the songs would be sold for \$15 per CD.

Archie Moore asked if the commission is looking to grant use of the logo to Mr. Sandage. He also wanted to know if the commission would profit from the sale of this music. Mark Christ stated that the commission did not.

George Lankford moved to not extend the use of the commission logo because of the ambiguity of creative works and because this music is part of an ongoing series of music and he doesn't think the logo should be used on part of the series since there are already 2 previous CDs in the series without the commission logo.

The motion died for lack of a second.

There was a brief discussion of whether the sanctioning committee had made a decision on the songs. Samuel Wang asked if the music had gone to the sanctioning committee. The sanctioning committee (Danny Honnoll, Ellen Lewis, Bill Gatewood, and Tommy Dupree) all agreed to approve the use of the logo for the Charlie Sandage songs during their committee discussion.

DeeLois Lawrence asked how many things people are selling and using the commission's logo. She has a problem with it. Ellen Lewis did not think it was an issue. She stated that the sanctioning of items that will be sold is like free advertisement for the commission. Mark Kalkbrenner gave an example of an event that charges a cover to enter that the commission would possible sanction. DeeLois just has some concerns about people using the commission logo. One concern is that people will use the logo without the commission's permission and the commission may not know it.

Mark Kalkbrenner stated that he believed submissions for sanctioning can be handled by the sanctioning committee and then the commission can discuss at the next scheduled meeting. If there is anything that the committee needs to know about the project up for sanctioning the commission members can inform them during the meeting before the final decision for sanctioning is made by the full commission.

Ellen asked if the entire commission would know what the sanctioning committee is looking at for sanctioning while they are making their decision or would only the core committee members know about items submitted for sanction. Her concern is that if the committee is considering something for sanctioning and a commission member out side of the sanctioning committee was aware of some important information that may have bearing on the decision, the committee would want to know. Mark Christ stated that he will let the commission know what the committee is considering for sanctioning prior to each meeting. Ellen stated that this process would be a good use of the forum. Mark Christ agreed.

George Lankford asked how the commission dealt with the creative license issue. The sanctioning committee explained their process.

DeeLois Lawrence expressed concern about copyright infringement. The commission members explained the current guidelines that cover this.

The sanctioning committee's decision is the motion. Tommy Dupree called for a vote to the motion to approve the use of the commission logo on the Charlie Sandage songs. There were five for the motion and five against the motion. Since the vote was a tie, Tommy Dupree voted and he was for the approval of the use of the logo on the Charlie Sandage music.

The motion passed.

There was a brief discussion regarding sanctioning following the vote. Ellen Lewis believes the commission members should trust the sanctioning committee to make decision on sanctioning and then bring the commission once they have made their decision and if the commission has an issue with the decision, it can be dealt with at that time by using the forum. Laura Miller thinks this could be a problem down the line. Tommy Dupree stated that each submission would be handled individually. Ellen stated that the use of the logo is a point of advertisement for the commission. Laura agreed with Ellen but voiced that she still had concerns. George Lankford believes the commission should be clear about their standards. Mark Kalkbrenner stated that each decision would be a case by case situation.

Ellen Lewis stated that this could be the same with links on the website and no one has questioned the decisions on linking.

Tommy discussed how he feels about getting the logo out.

Ellen asked how stingy the ACWSC is going to be with the logo. She believes the commission needs to find a middle of the road.

Discussion of Traveling Exhibit

Bill Gatewood stated that he would like for the Old State House to produce a traveling exhibit for the ACWSC. It would be based on the themes that the commission has come up with for the celebration. They currently work with a company that uses hook and loop set up and they are easily transportable. The approximate cost is about \$20,000 and Bill is willing to contribute to the cause if the commission is interested. Mark Christ would be the curator. George Lankford asked Mark Christ about being the curator. Mark stated that he has no problem with that job. Mark also stated that this exhibit donation would help budget-wise. Bill stated that the Old State House would provide an AV component to travel with the exhibit so that a DVD player or other electronics can be used with the exhibit. Tommy Dupree asked when the exhibit would be ready. Bill replied in April 2011. Ellen Lewis asked if a fee would have to be paid for the exhibit to go from place to

place. Bill replied that there would not be a fee and this exhibit would be part of the Arkansas Humanities Council Traveling Exhibit Program. There was also a question about paying for shipping the exhibit. Laura Miller stated that a grant can be obtained for shipping purposes. Mark Kalkbrenner stated that the requester would only be responsible for shipping the exhibit back. The commission members thanked Bill for his donation.

ACWSC Grant Program Update

Mark Christ stated that he is waiting to hear from the Preserve America Program to see if they will have funds available. The General Assembly has appropriated \$25,000 specifically for local exhibits and the like. The commission may be able to come up with \$30,000 or \$40,000 to put into the grant program. Mark stated that he can start with the grant program as soon as Preserve America makes a decision.

Discussion of 2011 Kick-off Event

Mark Christ stated that he met with the producers from AETN on Tuesday, October 27, 2009. He stated that Georganne Sisco and Daniel Cockrell met with he and Bill Gatewood and AETN suggests opening with a talk show with four or five panelists who will meet with a moderator and give their thoughts on their particular area. They would then move into a panel discussion. This will be paid for with money that was approved at the last meeting. The plan is to debut the video at the Sesquicentennial kick-off at the Old State House..

Update on Book Project

Mark Christ stated that he is looking at producing anthology of Civil War-related first-person accounts of the Civil War in Arkansas that have appeared in the *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* that have appeared in the last 60 plus years. He has gotten down to the most relevant ones and come up with a logical order. He stated that one of the secretaries at AHPP is scanning the articles instead of retyping them so all he has to do is cut and paste what is needed for the project.

Mark Kalkbrenner asked for a date on the April 2011 event and Mark Christ stated that he would talk to Bill Gatewood and get back to Mark Kalkbrenner on a date.

Discussion of Off-site Meeting in FY2010

George Lankford asked where the off-site meeting would be and Tommy Dupree stated the commission had discussed having the Spring meeting off-site and it would be in Northwest Arkansas. Jim Branson and George Lankford thought Pea Ridge extended an invitation. Tommy asked if the commission needs to continue to meet quarterly. No one objected to the continuation of quarterly meetings.

Mark Christ stated that the marker program will be announced probably later in the month. Mark Kalkbrenner stated that the commission would need to discuss more about

the Passport Program. Mark Christ believes that there would be plenty of topics to address for a meeting in January, which is the regular quarterly meeting time. Ellen suggested meeting every other month, but Mark Christ stated that he believed he would be more inclined to stick with quarterly meetings. There were still no objections to staying with the quarterly meetings.

Meeting Schedule for 2010

January 27, 2010

April 28, 2010

July 28, 2010

October 27, 2010

Since the April meeting will be off-site, possibly in Northwest Arkansas, it was suggested that there be a 2 day meeting. Tommy Dupree suggested meeting for half a day each day and visiting each of the battle sites for the remainder of each day at Prairie Grove and Pea Ridge. Ellen Lewis asked if the meeting could be moved to the weekend. Mark Christ stated that the commission could tentatively go with April 28, 2010 and discuss it further to come up with a final decision.

Jim Branson moved and Ellen Lewis seconded a motion to accept the tentative meeting schedule.

The motion passed.

ACWSC Subcommittee Reports

There were none.

New Business

Mark Christ had several announcements. He stated that he is working with Arkansas State Parks and the National Park Service is Underground Railroad Network to Freedom to have the Poison Springs State Park included in that program because of the battle that happened there. Later we will probably pursue Jenkins' Ferry State Park for the same reason. Also Helena is seeking addition to the Network to Freedom because of the large contraband camps that were located there. Currently Arkansas does not have a single site in the program. He will be meeting with Ben Frye, the station manager at KUAR Radio on November 3, 2009, to talk about the possibility of them doing an Arkansas Sesquicentennial Minute during the course of the 150th. This would theoretically be the same thing as the Biography Arkansas and some of the other things that they have on the radio. He will have more to report on that the next time the commission meets. Mark visited with Pat Ramsey, who is spearheading History Day at UCA. They are going to have special emphasis on Civil War in Arkansas in both divisions. He and Sam Wang have put up a little prize money to sweeten the pot for that. That will be coming up in April 2010. Unfortunately, the event will be on the same day as both the Arkansas

Historical Association Conference and the Arkansas Historic Preservation Conference, but he won't be able to attend the History Day event.

Mark also stated that he would be interviewing candidates to be secretary for the ACWSC in the coming week. Hopefully someone will be hired out of the process. He is getting the infrastructure ready for things like handling the sanctioning procedures and historical marker requests.

Tommy Dupree thanked everyone for attending the meeting and entertained a motion for adjournment. George Lankford moved and Mark Kalkbrenner seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 2:30 p.m. The motion passed.