

# Advisory Board of the Louisiana State Archives

## MINUTES

August 17, 2023 | 1:00pm | Louisiana State Archives Gallery

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**I. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 1:08 pm

**II. Roll Call**

Board Members: Catherine Newsome, Phyllis Perron, Faye Phillips, Doug Harrison, Amy Louviere. Brandon Abadie

Not present: Nancy Landry, Ann Boltin, Amy Patin

**III. Approval of Minutes**

The board approved the minutes from the meeting held on November 10, 2022. A motion was made by Catherine Newsome to approve the minutes and Phyllis Perron seconded the motion. **Motion Passed**

**IV. Order of Business**

1. Update from the Louisiana State Archives – Catherine Newsome

- a. Art shows in the Gallery (River Road, Associated Women in the Arts)
- b. Archives social media (Facebook, Instagram)
- c. Website updating of current pages, but also planning for a future website redesign
- d. Past 2023 Events: Gala, Lunch & Learns (Faye Phillips, John McCusker), Women’s History Speaker (Elizabeth Williams), SOS Employee BBQ, AERI conference tour after the June Lunch & Learn
- e. I Voted Sticker unveiling & Qualifying; Jim Engster live broadcast; Early Voting in October and November
- f. First Saturday discontinuance
- g. Upcoming Events: September 13 Internal Disaster Workshop (Lee Leumas); Open House on October 19 for Archives Month with 2 tours (10 am and 2 pm); Wendy Rodrigue on Monday, October 23 (5:30 pm to 7:30 pm)
- h. Veteran’s Day event in partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs at the Shaw Center, tentatively set for November 1
- i. Supervisory team going to the SARC conference in October, being held in Montgomery AL
- j. Catherine reminded board members that Friends will have to appoint a new representative as Phyllis is rolling off the board of the Friends; also, board members’ terms are concurrent with that of the Secretary of State

2. Update from Friends of the Louisiana State Archives: Annual meeting was held in July, where four board members rolled off and four new ones were added. A board meeting was held the first week of August to elect officers.

3. Other Programs/Discussion

- a. Phyllis shared some thoughts about needed wayfaring signage to Archives and other museums. Catherine looked into getting the Archives added to interstate off-ramp in previous years, but acknowledged that additional signage could be useful. We did receive \$90,000 for additional upgrades to exterior lighting.

- b. Brandon shared that they went around the state doing educational seminars for the Clerks of Court and they utilized the Shreveport Museum and had rave reviews about the facility. Catherine stated that she would share his comments with Thomas Carmody, who oversees the Secretary of State museums.

**V. Adjournment**

With no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Amy Louviere and seconded by Catherine Newsome. **Motion Passed.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 1:54 pm.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2023 at 1:00pm.**