Tippecanoe County Historical Association
Board of Governors Meeting

Mission: To Enrich the Lives of Tippecanoe County Residents and Visitors by collecting, preserving, researching, and sharing our unique and diverse history.

AGENDA
5:15 PM, June 23, 2026
HYBRID MEETING – IN PERSON and ZOOM

Members of the Board (total: 22 – quorum: 11)

Nick Schenkel– President	Lorita Bill	Jeff Schwab
Jeremy Spann – VP	Jeff Burnworth	Bridget Slack
Tara Raber - Secretary	H. Kory Cooper	Chris Stevenson
Natalia Huff – Treasurer	Walt Griffin	John F. Thieme
Rosanne Altstatt	David Hovde	Whitney Walton
Cassandra Apuzzo	Ashima Krishna	Jillian White
Colby Bartlett	Dave Sattler	Todd White
Del Bartlett		

Meetings are Hybrid unless otherwise noted. In person at the History Center and available on ZOOM.

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FUTURE DATES FOR MEETINGS and EVENTS

Executive Committee (agenda setting) – 3:30 P.M. usually the Thursday before a Board meeting

Board of Governors – Fourth Tuesday of the Month at 5:15 P.M.

- July 28, 2026
- August 25, 2026
- September 22, 2026
- No October Meeting
- November 17, 2026 (Moved due to Thanksgiving)
- December 15, 2026 (Moved due to Christmas)

AGENDA for TCHA Board Meeting, July 28, 2026

- Call to Order
- Minutes from June 23, 2026, Board meeting
- Officers' Reports and business
    - President
    - Vice President
    - Secretary
    - Treasurer
- Executive Director Report – Claire Eagle
- Battlefield Museum Report – Trey Gorden
- Membership Report – Kelly Lippie
- Collections Report – Kelly Lippie
- Research Library Report – Lucy Lugo
- Feast of the Hunters' Moon Report – Brooke Sauter
- Program Manager Report – Mitchell Critel
- Reports from Committees
- Strategic Planning
- Any Other Business
    - Disposition of Battlefield Chapel funds – action item
- **END AGENDA / Adjournment**

Minutes for June 23, 2026 **TCHA Board of Governors Meeting**

Present in Person: Nick S., Jeremy S., Tara R., Natalia H., Lorita B., Jeff S., Chris S., Whitney W., Cassie A., Jeff B., Dave S., Bridget S., Todd W., Del B.
Online: Rosanne A., David H., Colby B
Staff: Claire E., Kelly L., Mitchell C., Lucy L., Brooke S. (online)., Trey G., (online)
In Person at the History Center and Online via Zoom
Board President Nick Schenkel called the June 23rd, meeting of the TCHA Board of Governors to order at 5:17 pm at The History Center, Lafayette.
Motion to approve minutes Jeff S, 2nd Dave S.
President report: See written report.
VP- Nothing to add
Secretary- nothing to add
Treasurer- See report; Feast Rainy Day CD renews March 3, 2027. Received grant $ for Feast marquees. Paid 50%. Budget vs Actual is up a bit from last year.
Del will reach out to Alan Nail about Battlefield chapel.
Tara moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; Jeff B 2nd. All in favor.
Executive Director's Report: July 26th-29th meeting in Chicago so Claire will not be at the next board meeting. Bicentennial Sculpture has been dedicated. Work on website is ramping up. Goal is to have it running by Feast. Yearly inspections and preventative maintenance performed on The History Center boiler. We will know by Thursday this week about TCHA's application for a GLCF impact grant.
Battlefield museum report: Trey- Numbers are steady. Monthly count 873. Unable to be open 2 days due to fallen Tree. Storm took out 3 trees including a "Witness Tree" from the early 1800's. Fiddlers is this weekend (6/27-28) Getting ready for a 2-year closure at Davis Ferry Bridge. State Road 225 bridge will still be closed. Trey is asking for 2 years of road signs to detour people to the Museum.
No Historic Markers report
Collections- HIS endangered heritage on display currently. O'Rears sign will hopefully be acquired. Stay tuned. Deaccession items. Hat box, pair of Austrian vases, 2 Mexican jugs, and 2 small trays 1 Japanese, 1 Russian. All deaccessioned items will be sent to Auction.
Motion on Deaccession Todd W. Whitney 2nd All in favor.
Research Library – Lucy reported volunteers are doing well. Indexing project is finishing up and getting ready to start next one.

Feast of the Hunter's Moon report- Brooke Oct 24-25. Working on timeline items, heavy equipment and ice vendor. Working on promotional items with United State of Indiana. 11 new marquees have been ordered (see ED report) Spring Valley Lodges working on the marquees. Lauren is working with food booths. Group out of Carroll County looking at making apple dumplings by hand. City bus is on track to provide bus service to the Feast. Purdue is charging $1k for parking for bus pickup/dropoff. Working with Citybus to look at alternative parking for future. Hannah Center is good for shuttle buses for parking lot. Scott and Jeff S. working on Internet access for the Feast grounds. Scott will not be at Feast. Expecting good coverage baring equipment failure. Digging up old radios so parking can be on a separate channel.
Membership- Newsletter comes out tomorrow morning. Aug 14th Night at the Battleground Museum for members only. Special appearance by Rick Conwell.
Mitchell programing-Performer and service contracts are out. TCHA got a shoutout as the only place to see George Winters work. Finals for Wabash Riverfest Conservation Award. Trying to get money for Herb Gardena at the Fort. History on Tour Trailer: Dodged thunderstorms, Next Stop is WL Farmers Market July 15th. Community Baseball presentation, Juneteenth presentation, Jean Baptiste.
July 17 and Aug 1st next 2 dinners. July 22 Family Game night. Missed grant opportunity 😟 looking for a 4k opportunity to help with our educational programs and so will be temporarily shelving Traveling trunks idea for now. Focusing on Homeschool programs and any Fall programing.
Facilities- Thanks again Slack Family for the landscaping help at the History Center (and the Ford). Est. Date for O'Rears sign? We have a volunteer workday scheduled for early August at Argenbright.
Historic Markers: Basil has created a Draft for Edna Browning Marker. We have the money for the marker, and are paying for it, but are going through the Indiana Historical Bureau so that they are in charge of it after installation. Sorting the list to see our markers, and other markers. Trying to work on a pamphlet to show where they all are. 2-3 months it will be done. Duane wants to put together a camp, and pitch in money for broken markers. Looking for other Sons of Union Soldiers to assist.
Ouiatenon Preserve- no quorum. See report. Reviewed interpretive panel. May be opening discussions again with IU museums about materials that were unearthed in the 1968-69's. IU would write reports and return artifacts. That has not happened. Over the years, we have had agreements in principle that it needs returned. No one recognized our claim to material. We are trying to come to a resolution.

Publications- Working on Battle of Tippecanoe book, various parts assigned, hoping to have a draft by July. Hoping the new book is ready by September, and be on sale by Feast or Commemoration, and fall events.
Strategic Plan- Work on the Plan began about a year ago. Goal tonight is to go through the Goals, and to reach out to membership. Goal is to be approved by the board by Aug. Start with the plan after Feast. See June agenda. We are developing a Survey with questions developed and will send out to Membership. Will get feedback and get it written for August board meeting. We expect a lot of buy in from both the board and staff, not just the EC and ED. Will discuss it at the Annual meeting in February.
Motion to share with Membership- Jeremy, Dave S 2nd

Motion to close at 6:35- Jeff S.

Tara Raber, TCHA Board Secretary

Treasurer's Report – June 2026
Natalia Huff
Selected Accounts Report

This Year 6/30/2026		Last Month 5/31/2026	Change from Last Month	Last Year 6/30/2025	Change from Last Year
Operating Bank Accounts					
Petty Cash	550.00	550.00	-	568.48	(18.48)
First Merchants Checking .01%	46,789.09	39,017.25	7,771.84	53,274.43	(6,485.34)
First Merchants Operating MM 2.75%	260,871.82	260,227.13	644.69	266,453.98	(5,582.16)
First Merchants Operating MM 2.75%- Strategic Plan	25,000.00	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	-
Undeposited Funds	2,957.59	1,298.39	1,659.20	1,776.80	1,180.79
	336,168.50	326,092.77	10,075.73	347,073.69	(10,905.19)
Current Obligations & Receivables					
Accounts Payable	(31,777.53)	(43,241.27)	11,463.74	(11,246.24)	(20,531.29)
Credit Card	(1,893.43)	(2,377.17)	483.74	(2,643.91)	750.48
Grant Money Receivable	-	-	-	-	-
Grant Money Advanced	(247.27)	(247.27)	-	(42,813.56)	42,566.29
Bicentennial Book Money	-	-	-	(25,000.00)	25,000.00
	(33,918.23)	(45,865.71)	11,947.48	(81,703.71)	47,785.48
Operating Cash Less Current Obligations	302,250.27	280,227.06	22,023.21	265,369.98	36,880.29
Other Restricted and Designated Accounts					
Emergency Maintenance MM 2.75%	95,319.53	105,598.25	(10,278.72)	78,638.57	16,680.96
Ouiatenon Preserve Account 2.75%	143,065.46	142,892.91	172.55	124,781.78	18,283.68
Feast Rainy Day CD 3.55% Renews March 3, 2027	192,059.76	191,483.00	576.76	160,971.82	31,087.94
Total Other Restricted and Designated Accounts	430,444.75	439,974.16	(9,529.41)	364,392.17	66,052.58
			12,493.80		102,932.87

Investment Accounts (Loss)	46,022.00	46,203.00	Change 2026	Distributions	Addition	Net Gain
TCHA Trust	1,735,500.47	1,871,797.46	136,296.99	38,842.10	50,000.00	125,139.09
Wetherill Trust	414,566.02	431,370.34	16,804.32	9,655.52	-	26,459.84
Lafayette Community Foundation	37,306.15	39,754.89	2,448.74	1,447.00	-	3,895.74
Total Investments	2,187,372.64	2,342,922.69	155,550.05	49,944.62	50,000.00	155,494.67

*Investments are updated quarterly

Tippecanoe County Historical Association
Budget vs. Actuals: 2026

	For the Six months ending June 30, 2026		
	Actual	**Budget**	**Variance**
Income			
Grant Operating	1,323.35	-	1,323.35
Contributions	68,262.27	57,890.00	10,372.27
Museum Store Sales	17,671.58	16,000.00	1,671.58
Library Revenue	1,042.30	1,350.00	(307.70)
Membership Dues	13,421.78	15,745.00	(2,323.22)
Programs & Education	34,260.00	31,950.00	2,310.00
Feast Of The Hunters Moon	46,044.26	36,680.00	9,364.26
Total Income	**182,025.54**	**159,615.00**	**22,410.54**
Cost of Goods Sold	8,739.67	7,250.00	1,489.67
Gross Profit	**173,285.87**	**152,365.00**	**20,920.87**
Expenses			
Salaries, Wages & Benefits	139,520.52	162,950.02	(23,429.50)
Administrative Expenses	5,616.07	6,625.00	(1,008.93)
Contract Services Administrative	12,452.05	14,040.00	(1,587.95)
Equipment & Supplies	979.35	2,480.00	(1,500.65)
Collections, Exhibits & Library	2,007.26	3,660.00	(1,652.74)
Museum Store Expenses	743.27	470.00	273.27
Insurance and Taxes	10,617.74	11,410.00	(792.26)
Repairs & Maintenance	18,001.15	21,610.00	(3,608.85)
Contractual Services – Facilities	1,776.67	2,240.00	(463.33)
Utilities	21,785.08	24,272.00	(2,486.92)
Membership Expenses	1,530.96	1,200.00	330.96
Fundraising Expense	-	-	-
Feast Expenses	16,833.53	20,794.00	(3,960.47)
Programs & Education Expense	2,192.72	4,248.00	(2,055.28)
Total Expenses	**234,056.37**	**275,999.02**	**(41,942.65)**
Net Operating Income	**(60,770.50)**	**(123,634.02)**	**62,863.52**
Other Income (Expense)			
Grants – Nonoperating	51,148.99	-	51,148.99
Rents	5,350.00	4,200.00	1,150.00
Interest	10,595.40	6,300.00	4,295.40
Investment Income (distribution only)	49,944.62	49,900.00	44.62
Depreciation	(40,200.00)	(40,200.00)	-
Total Other Income (Expense)	**76,839.01**	**20,200.00**	**56,639.01**
Net Income (Before Depreciation)	**16,068.51**	**(103,434.02)**	**119,502.53**

Executive Director Report
Claire Eagle
July 2026

As I mentioned at the last Board meeting, I am in Chicago attending the Association of Midwest Museums conference and will not attend this board meeting. If you have any questions about items in my report that Nick or other staff members were unable to answer, please don't hesitate to reach out via email.

Administration

- We've entered the design phase of our new website! We are still working toward a September launch date.
- As I shared in a previous email, Laura Smyser, our long-time Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum employee, has decided to leave TCHA after 11 years. Her last day was Friday, July 24. We are very sad to lose her but wish her all the best. The position has been posted on our website and social media as well as submitted to the Association of Midwest Museums and the Association of Indiana Museums job boards. We've already scheduled a few interviews and will continue until the position is filled. Between Trey, Caitlyn, Lucy and I, we've got all weekends covered until Labor Day. We'll reevaluate the schedule mid-August and hopefully have someone on board by September.
- Huth Thompson has begun our financial review. Working with Lorita and Eric, we gathered all the required documents and submitted them on July 16th. We asked to have the review completed by August 31.
- After a lot of conversations between the Executive Committee and Facilities Committee we have concluded that long-term leasing is not advantageous to TCHA and is no longer aligned with TCHA's mission or organizational expertise. We have informed The Gathering that we are ending their month-to-month agreement on September 30, 2026. They have been operating under this agreement since the automatic renewal of the commercial lease signed in 2021 expired on December 1, 2025. I've updated our rental policies to include a limit of 13 uses of our facilities by any organization or business per year. The Gathering has been informed that they are welcome to continue the use of the History Center under our updated policies.
- Communication has continued with Dr. Thomas regarding her offer to help us with the potential transfer of the Fort Ouiatenon collection from IU to

TCHA. The ownership documentation gathered previously as well as the other recent communications with IUMAA representatives was sent to her last week. I will keep the Board updated on her response.

- The member survey was sent out via email. We've received 58 responses as of July 24. The deadline for completing the survey is August 7th.
- Thanks to Del's push, Allen Nail did get back to us after reviewing the park files including Park Board minutes and information provided by former Park Superintendent Ron Dye. The files basically confirm what Allen had shared earlier as well as add some additional details. I've summarized his response below.

> When the Park Board acquired the Battlefield, the Chapel stood between the current museum and the former swimming pool site. It had been relocated from the Sand Ridge cemetery near Fort Ouiatenon in the 1960s to serve the Methodist Church Camp that operated on the grounds and structures north of the main parking lot. Allen was unable to determine the condition of the structure when moved to the Methodist Camp site but personally recalls that it had fallen into very poor condition by the time that he started part time with Parks in the spring 1977.
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> The Battle Ground Historical Corporation (BGHC) leased grounds north of the Battlefield enclosure including what is now the museum and the Chapel. By the late 70s/early 80s, the Chapel had reached the level of disrepair where the Park Board had two options; either demolish it or have it moved. The BGHC undertook an effort to relocate and restore the Chapel at its current location. County officials at that time offered very little financial support, but BGHC was able to raise funds for the project. The donations were restricted to the Chapel and were never in the hands of the Park Board or County Government.
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> BGHC held the funds with the same restriction and oversaw the project, distributing funds as needed. Allen did find a notice in late 1983 from the Area Plan Commission citing BGHC for building a foundation and relocating the building without a site improvement permit or relocation permit. So, we know that work was still being completed at that time.

TCHA absorbed the BGHC in 1990 and took up the same repair operations BGHC were completing regarding the Chapel when TCHA received the funds. Allen noted there was no other information regarding the transfer of assets from BGHC to TCHA, which is not surprising.

Facilities

- A couple of weeks ago Kelly and I noticed a very loud rushing water sound coming from the mechanical room on the first floor of Arganbright. Jeff B. and Chris from the facilities committee were able to come take a look at it and determined that the HVAC unit that services the main library area was frozen. I called ICU and they were able to come out and get it fixed.

Grants, Sponsorships and Donations

- Unfortunately, we did not receive the Impact Grant from the Community Foundation. I asked if there was any specific feedback from the grant committee on the application or project itself in case there was another opportunity to submit. I was told that there wasn't anything about the application or project that could have been improved or changed, just that the competition was extremely tough. She also mentioned that the committee sees value in what we are doing at TCHA and that's how we made it to the second round of 19 out of the 42 who initially applied.
- We recently received word from George Hanlin at Indiana Humanities that we received one of their mini grants for $1000 for the Feast. The funding will help with advertising.
- The annual campaign letter should be in your mailboxes soon if it hasn't been delivered already. I will work on a follow up email and some social media posts when I return from the AMM conference.
- I'm working on a nomination for an IHS Award for our bicentennial book. We've gotten a letter of support from both Commissioner Murtaugh and West Lafayette Public Library's Local History Librarian, Devon Roddel. The nomination is due July 1.

Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum and History Store Report

July 2026

- Numbers are up from both last month and last year.
- Loss of Witness Trees
- Introducing Basil Altstatt

This month we had **1181** souls come through the front doors of the museum, which is 235 more than last month's **946** (adjusted for unscheduled closed days). Last year we had **1047** visitors for this period, so were up a respectable amount.

The first, briefer phase of road construction ended in time for Fiddlers' Gathering. The upcoming next phase continues to loom over us. The initial impression folks had was that the closure would be two years in length. Recent conversations with Tippecanoe County personnel suggest that they have recently been left with the impression that the closure will be only one year in length. If true, this would be better, but still deleterious to our number of visitors Construction is projected to begin in the next month or two. Stand by for updates.

Future:

In August we will host Members' Night at the Museum. We're very much looking forward to seeing you all there

The Membership and Development Committee

Claire Eagls, July 2026

- A review of the annual campaign letter was completed with some great notes from Todd, Dave and Jillian. We also chose a picture from Kelly's suggestions for the remittance envelope.
- Kelly brought a signup sheet for our members only event at the Battlefield on August 13. We are asking for donations of cheese plates, cookie plates, veggie plates, etc. Claire has also been in conversations with Wildcat Creek Winery to provide a tasting or cash bar. Permission was given by the Tippecanoe Parks Department to allow wine service at this event.
- The committee also continued to discuss sending a New Year's card as a follow up to the annual campaign.

Membership Report - July 2026
Kelly Lippie

- Newsletter Issue 2 was emailed out.
- Members Night at the Museum @ Battlefield to be Friday, August 14th, 6-8 pm.
- Mailing list completed for the annual campaign.
- Feast member tickets are on order and will be mailed out closer to the Feast.
- Lucy’s mother has made revisions to our Spanish Language brochure for membership and the library and has also helped make updates to the website’s Spanish text.

Membership Level	Renewal Period	Total as of May 13	Total as of June 18	Total as of July 17
Individual ($40)	Annual	52	53	51
Senior Individual ($35)	Annual	104	107	108

Senior Couple ($45)	Annual	130	131	130
Family ($55)	Annual	68	67	63
Patron ($100)	Annual	61	60	62
Sustaining ($250)	Annual	16	17	17
Benefactor ($500)	Annual	5	5	5
Treasure ($1,000)	Annual	2	2	2
Lifetime	Lifetime	27	27	27
Total Memberships		**465**	**469**	**465**

The Membership and Development Committee met July 13, 2026

TCHA Collections Dept. Report
June - July 2026
Prepared by Kelly Lippie

- Indiana Historical Society (free) exhibit loaned for display at the Battlefield June 18- July 15. "Endangered Heritage".
- History on Tour exhibit prepared for West Lafayette Farmers' Market on July 15th.
- Juneteenth materials for TCHA's table on June 20th. Researched some new topics to add to the TCHA display.
- A Trail of Death Caravan to visited Arganbright on June 20th to view some George Winter watercolors. They do this every other year.
- Working with Lafayette Preservation Commission for new "Then and Now" signs to be placed around downtown, using TCHA photos.
- TCHA will be getting the O'Rear's neon sign, still pending the donor's signature on the Deed of Gift form. Huston Electric will remove the sign on

July 25th and store it at their warehouse until they can assess the restoration and cost needed.
- Members of West Lafayette Clerks office came to the library to view some historic zoning maps and they got a tour of the other government records TCHA has.
- Worked on historic image slide show and trivia for Taste of the Past Dinner.
- Created a new exhibit for the Arganbright Center on women's hats. Also did centerpiece displays of women's hats for the Visit Lafayette/ West Lafayette program at the History Center on June 15th.
- Covered the library while Lucy was on vacation.
- Several image requests for George Winter and other historic images.
- Attended a webinar and paper mending.
- Met with member of the Greenbush Cemetery board to help advise planning.
- Purdue Anthropology student studying archaeo-entomology will look at daub in the Ouiatenon collection. Kory and Cassie assisted in proof scans with the student.

Upcoming in 2026
- Exhibits for Taste of the Past dinners.
- Altrusa will borrow the bicentennial pop-ups for a series of meetings in the fall.
- New displays for OutFeast and Latino Fest in the works.

Collections Committee did not meet in July.

Research Library Board Report
June 2026
By Lucy Lugo

Everything is going well! Although this month has been slow in terms of in-person visits, there has been a surge in remote research requests, especially in the last couple of weeks. I've also been working with Claire on the research and genealogy portions of the new website, as well as updating and creating new indexes to add once it is ready.
Library volunteers continue to work on various projects, including indexing court records, marriage records, family/surname cards, and Poor Farm records.

Research Library Stats:

- This past month we've assisted a total of 22 researchers, 18 email/mail/phone calls and 4 in-person visits
    - 2 out of the 4 in-person visits were TCHA members
    - Most have been genealogy research questions, with a few coming in to see local history archival collections.

Feast of the Hunters' Moon Report - July 2026
Brooke Sauter

Over the past month, much of my work has focused on logistical preparations for the upcoming Feast. Our first application deadline passed on July 15, along with a similar paperwork deadline for food booths. I have been working with participants and food booth representatives to collect materials and address outstanding needs. There are, of course, always those we haven't yet heard from whose doors we will be knocking on soon.

I also finalized advertising designs for CityBus, canned water, coasters, and posters. We received a $1,000 grant from Indiana Humanities to support Feast marketing. These funds will be used for digital advertising and print materials, including posters, which are typically produced only when the budget allows -- especially important this year given our reduced advertising budget.

Advance tickets are now available online, and I have contacted all physical ticket outlets in preparation for paper ticket sales. Centier Bank approached us about participating and will join us as a new outlet this year.

I also confirmed that our sign language interpreters will return for this year's Feast.

Overall, preparations are going well. We are steadily moving forward and getting closer to the busy stretch leading into the event.

Programs Board Report
June 2026
Mitchell L Critel, Programs Manager

In early July the Junior Historians Academy pre-registration went live both on Facebook and via email, and the response was amazing. To date we will be expanding every Fall session above the target cap of 15, with nearly 30 students for the September program.

Families will be invoiced in early August for the Fall Semester, and again in December for the Spring. The JHA is setting up to be a great test-bed for our school aged programing and the feedback from homeschool families is that this is something they have been looking for!

Special thanks to Walt Griffin and Whitney Walton for volunteering for the hot and muggy July 15th History on Tour Trailer run out to the West Lafayette Farmer's Market. We saw a few brave souls take in Tippecanoe County history, but the weather really affected both the market shoppers and the history enthusiasts!

July 15th was a major Feast deadline, and a large wave of applications and contracts crashed into my office right around then. They have all since been processed and are off to final prep!

We had Family Game Night on July 22nd. Special thanks to Bridget Slack, Claire Eagle, Martha Lumley, Lucy Lugo, and Mary Pugh for stepping up and volunteering to lead a game!

The Programming Committee is working on an annual Programs Survey. That survey will go out in November/December of 2026, and close before Christmas. It will be available in person and also digitally. More info in months to come.

Opportunities for Board Engagement:
August 1st- Taste of the Past- Feast of the Hunters Moon
August 14th, 6-8pm- Member's Only Night Out at the Museum

August 19th, 3pm-7pm- West Lafayette Farmer's Market- History on Tour Trailer Visit the market and see the Trailer in person!
Prep for Junior Historians Academy- Folding, Academic Standards Outlines, etc.

Other Committee Reports for JULY 2026

Development & Membership Committee

A review of the annual campaign letter was completed with some great notes from Todd, Dave and Jillian. We also chose a picture from Kelly's suggestions for the remittance envelope.

- Kelly brought a sign up sheet for our members only event at the Battlefield on August 13. We are asking for donations of cheese plates, cookie plates, veggie plates, etc. Claire has also been in conversations with Wildcat Creek Winery to provide a tasting or cash bar. Permission was given by the Parks to do this.
- The committee also continued to discuss sending a New Year's card as a follow up to the annual campaign.

Facilities Committee

Back under budget.

The O'Rears sign is ours{note – as of Monday negotiations have reopened with the sign's owner]. Claire is working with Huston Electric to retrieve and store. Fundraising will be needed.

Still reviewing Verkada information before a recommendation can be made to the rest of the board. Quote to be reviewed at next facilities meeting.

A workday is being scheduled for the Argenbright on August 5

Grants to be covered by the E.D.

Chris Hitze and Jeff Burnworth stopped by the library after the last facilities meeting and assessed the ac was frozen over and a professional needed to be called. No running water was found. The trees were trimmed back off the trailer and the downed "tree" in the boneyard was removed.

Some nice lights have been installed in the alley next to the HC.

Historic Markers Committee

Our previous meeting didn't have a quorum, so not much to report, but the Edna Browning Ruby project has been submitted, and we are awaiting the state's approval.

Ouiatenon Preserve Committee

OP Committee meeting June 25th. Present: Kory Cooper, David Hovde, Phyllis Dotson, Colby Bartlett, Jeff Burnsworth, Del Bartlett, Ashima Krishna (Zoom). We agreed on the format of the interpretive panels and text for Panel #1. Created plan for working collaboratively on content for panels 2 and 3.

Publications Committee

The publications committee met on July 8th to discuss the section rewrites for the battlefield booklet. The next step due by the August meeting is to have different committee members review the submitted sections. Each section was assigned a reviewer. Committee members were also invited to review the document as a whole. After the August meeting we will then proceed to final editing and formatting.

2026 BOARD OF GOVERNORS TERMS (3 Year Terms)

Name	Term Ends (Annual Mtg. Jan/Feb)
Rosanne Alstsatt	December 2026 (January 2027)
Cassandra Apuzzo	December 2026 (January 2027)
Colby Bartlett	December 2026 (January 2027)
Del Bartlett	December 2027 (January 2028)
Lorita Bill	December 2026 (January 2027)
Jeff Burnworth	December 2026 (January 2027)
H. Kory Cooper	December 2027 (January 2028)
Walt Griffin	December 2028 (January 2029)
David Hovde	December 2028 (January 2029)
Natalia Huff	December 2028 (January 2029)
Ashima Krishna	December 2027 (January 2028)
Tara Raber	December 2026 (January 2027)
Dave Sattler	December 2026 (January 2027)
Nick Schenkel	December 2027 (January 2028)
Jeff Schwab	December 2027 (January 2028)
Bridget Slack	December 2026 (January 2027)
Jeremy Spann	December 2026 (January 2027)
Christ Stevenson	December 2028 (January 2029)
John Thieme	December 2028 (January 2029)
Whitney Walton	December 2026 (January 2027)
Jillian White	December 2027 (January 2028)
Todd White	December 2027 (January 2028)

2026 OFFICERS OF THE BOARD (1 Year Term, not more than 5 consecutive terms)

Position	Name	First Term Began	Term Number in 2026	Re-election eligibility ends
President	Nick Schenkel	February 2026	1	January 2031
Vice President	Jeremy Spann	February 2025	2	January 2030
Secretary	Tara Raber	February 2026	1	January 2031
Treasurer	Natalia Huff	February 2026	1	January 2031

TCHA COMMITTEES – 2025-2026

* indicates Chair or Co-Chair

Standing Committees

Executive Committee

Board President *	Board Secretary	Board Treasurer
Board Vice President	Chair of the Budget, Finance, and Risk Management Committee	

Collections Committee

Kelly Lippie *	Nick Schenkel	Carolyn O'Connell
Cassie Apuzzo	Other Members:	Amy Harbor
Trey Gorden	LA Clugh	Mary Springer
Lucy Lugo	Rick Conwell	

Facilities Committee (formerly the Buildings & Grounds Committee)

Jeff Burnworth *	Ashima Krishna	Pete Bill
Walt Griffin	Kelly Lippie	Chris Hitze
Colby Bartlett	Jeremy Spann	Bill Young
Lorita Bill	Other Members:	

Finance, Budget, and Risk Management Committee

Lorita Bill*	Tara Raber	Jeff Schwab
Claire Eagle	John Thieme	Todd White
Walt Griffin	Nick Schenkel	

Nominating Committee

Jeremy Spann -*	Dave Sattler	Bridget Slack
Kory Cooper	Nick Schenkel	Jillian White
Claire Eagle	Jeff Schwab	

Other Committees

Development & Membership Committee

Kelly Lippie *	Jeremy Spann	Other Members:
Jeff Burnworth	Jillian White	Brooke Sauter
Tara Raber	Todd White	Ronda Walsh Schwab
Dave Sattler		

Feast Committee

Brooke Sauter *
Jeff Schwab *
Aerica Beaver
Jeff Burnworth
Kelly Lippie
Jeremy Spann
Other Members:
Mac Bellner
Molly Bellner
Pete Bill
Mike Elliott
Mary Fisher
Sam Haughey
Brian Hawn
Erin Hicks
Jeff Hockstra
Mackenzie Kassner
Erika Kvam
Robert Leavitt
Randy Lower
Janine Lowery
Melissa O'Farrell
Lauren Reed
Matt Riebsomer
Jackie Schmidt
Sheri Sondgerath
Scott Stembaugh
Andy Wall
Joyce Wiegand
Logan York
Bill Young
Jan Young

Historic Markers Committee

Trey Gorden *
Rosanne Altstatt
Del Bartlett
Bridget Slack
Other Members:
Sharon Baker
Pam Barnard
Jonathan Lipps
Duane Mantick
Linda Swihart

Ouiatenon Preserve Committee

Kory Cooper *
Del Bartlett
David Hovde
Ashima Krishna
Other Members:
Leslie Martin Conwell
Phyllis Dotson
Colby Bartlett (non-voting)

Program Advisory Committee

Claire Eagle *
Cassie Apuzzo
Walt Griffin
David Hovde
Lucy Lugo
Bridget Slack
Whitney Walton
Other Members:
Amy Harbor

Publications Committee

David Hovde *
Jeff Schwab *
Cassie Apuzzo
Rosanne Altstatt
Whitney Walton
Trey Gorden
Other Members:
Pete Bill

* - The Board President is an ex-officio member of all committees