

**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, February, 24 2026
HYBRID MEETING – IN PERSON and ZOOM**

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

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

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

- March 24, 2026
- April 28, 2026
- May 19, 2026 (Moved due to Memorial Day)
- June 23, 2026
- 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

- Call to Order
- Minutes from December 16, 2025 Board meeting – *Pages 4-6*
- Officers' Reports and business
 - President
 - Officer Elections – Current Candidates and Nominations from the floor
 - Committee Selections
 - Whistleblower Policy
 - Conflict of Interest Statements
 - Strategic Plan Update
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer – *Pages 7-8*
- Executive Director Report – Claire Eagle – *Page 9*
 - Health Insurance renewed
 - Gutter repair at Arganbright being scheduled
 - Working on sponsorships and grant reports
- Battlefield Museum Report – Trey Gorden – *Page 10*
 - Battlefield bathrooms being redone by Parks
 - Flint knapping workshop on Saturday sold out
- Membership Report – Kelly Lippie – *Page 11*
 - First newsletter of the year going out soon
 - Member preview event of the Revolutionists at Civic Theater
 - Individual gift memberships available at special rate of \$18.26
- Collections Report – Kelly Lippie – *Page 12*
 - Battlefield Gallery repainting finished
 - New Lincoln Club building print hung at the History Center
 - Helen Gougar bible loaned to county courts for swearing in ceremony
- Research Library Report – Lucy Lugo – *Page 13*
 - Slow start to year, but research requests have picked up
 - Volunteers continue to work on various indexing projects
- Feast of the Hunters' Moon Report – Brooke Sauter – *Pages 14-15*
 - 2026 Feast will be October 24-25.
 - Bill and Jan Young were recognized for the volunteer activities at the Annual Meeting
 - Currently working on quotes from various suppliers
- Notes from Committees – *Pages 16-18*
- Officer Election Results
- Any Other Business
- **END AGENDA**

Minutes for December 16, 2025
TCHA Board of Governors Meeting
In Person at the History Center and Online via Zoom

Board President Jeff Schwab called the December 16, 2025, meeting of the TCHA Board of Governors to order at 5:10 pm at The History Center, Lafayette.

Governors attending in-person were Jeff Schwab, Jeremy Spann, Lorita Bill, Nick Schenkel, Pete Bill, Jeff Burnworth, Walt Griffin, David Hovde, Tara Raber, Bridget Slack, Whitney Walton. and Todd White.

Governors Roseanne Allstatt, Cassandra Appuzzo, Colby Bartlett, and Jillian White attended online.

Governors who were not present in person or online were, Del Bartlett, H. Kory Cooper, Ashima Krishna, Dave Sattler, and John Thieme.

Executive Director Claire Eagle attended in person. Trey Gorden, Kelly Lippie, Lucy Lugo and Brooke Sauter were not present.

The Minutes of November 18, 2025, Board Meeting were presented and approved with a motion and a second from Jeremy Spann and Pete Bill.

President Schwab noted 2026 TCHA Annual Meeting will be held at 2 pm on February 7 at the History Center.

He presented the proposed **2026 board meeting schedule** (see attached) and the schedule was approved by voice vote after a motion by Jeff Burnworth seconded by Todd White.

He noted that TCHA staff, other than the Executive Director, were not expected to attend tonight's board meeting as their reports are all part of the Consent Agenda.

President Schwab called the Board's attention to the latest **Strategic Plan Group Reports**; please see the attached documents.

The Vice President reported the nominating committee has met and is pursuing two new board candidates to present to the membership for approval at the Annual Meeting.

The Secretary had nothing additional to report.

Claire Eagle presented the **Executive Director's Report** (see attached). She reported on several topics including administration, programs, facilities, grants and donations and upcoming events. Ms. Eagle noted the new full time Program Manager has been posted on professional listservs; some responses have already been received.

She pointed to TCHA building closures for the Holidays and requested the proposed Holiday schedule for staff be approved. Upon a motion by Todd White and seconded by Lorita Bill the Holiday Schedule was approved.

President Schwab noted that the usual staff and committee reports would not be presented this evening so that the board could focus its attention on the proposed 2026 Budget.

Upon a motion by Pete Bill and a second from Jeff Burnworth the **written reports/consent agenda** (see attached) was approved by oral vote.

The Treasurer presented her monthly Report (see attached), noting that TCHA's net Operating Cash less current liabilities was significantly higher for the end of November than budgeted, in large part because of Feast income and sales of the Bicentennial book. She noted as well that while there was no Review of TCHA bookkeeping in 2025 (though the cost was budgeted) she did expect the Review to take place, be paid in the new budget year.

The total increase in cash less current obligations (including the restricted and designated accounts) from November 30, 2025 to November 30, 2024 was \$138,467.15.

The Board then turned its attention to the **proposed 2026 budget**, prepared by the Budget Committee and presented for consideration by Treasurer Lorita Bill.

The proposed budget summary (see attached) presented the 2025 adjusted with actual and estimated reports for December 31, 2025. The 2026 budget and budget difference for the two years were presented on the same sheet as well.

In sum, the adjusted 2025 budget report showed an "excess" of \$129,100 once revenue and expenses were combined; the adjusted 2026 budget showed a \$16,000 "excess"; it was noted that projected payroll and personnel expenses for 2026 were the major reasons for the difference.

The detailed Proposed Budget showed a slightly reduced total revenue total for 2026 compared to 2025 of \$2,285. Of particular note, the conservatively presented budget showed less in contributions and programs and education (fewer budgets and bicentennial events) but increased Feast income

The Expenses showed an additional \$114,712 for 2026 compared to 2025, due in large part to increased salaries, wages and benefits, administrative contact expenses, and repairs.

The Budget Committee's report also showed a "deficit without the Feast" which showed a minus \$42,941 for 2025 and a minus \$182,000 for 2026; Treasurer Bill recommended that the 2026 number be used as a minimum balance for the **Rainy-Day Fund** going forward (as it presumed not special events income as was found in 2025).

Additional reports (attached) included a number of **graphs and charts** showing income and expenses for the Feast of the Hunters Moon, and revenue and expense comparisons for 2024, 2025 (projected) and 2026 (proposed).

The salaries proposal prompted particular interest and discussion. The Budget Committee and ED proposed no increase in any salary for 2026 but did propose a pool of \$9,600 to be disturbed as bonuses to all employees by the ED at the end of 2025. The bonuses were justified as response to the additional work done by staff to help TCHA celebrate Lafayette's bicentennial year.

The ED labeled the no salary increase proposal as a one-year-only recommendation and noted that the budget set aside \$10,000 for possible staff insurance increases in 2026.

One board member expressed disapproval of no salary increases for 2026 and another board member suggested the board revisit this part of the budget to reconsider the need for increased insurance payments reducing the possibility of salary increases later in the year 2026.

President Schwab tasked the Finance Committee with developing a salary policy for TCHA that would begin in 2027 to take into consideration the topics of budgeting for annual salary increases, year end bonuses and other salary related matters.

Upon a motion by Todd White, seconded by Jeremy Spann, **the proposed 2026 budget, including salaries, was approved by voice vote of the board.**

President Schwab asked that the Minutes reflect the TCHA Board's appreciation for all the volunteers and volunteer activities that enriched TCHA during 2025.

And he announced a special thank you for all the dedication and work done by all TCHA board members and to **Governor Pete Bill** (this was Governor Bill's last board meeting as his term on the board will expire with this year).

Vice President Spann noted that short written biographies will be required from all board members at the start of 2026 so that all board members, new and continuing, can better know each other as the new year begins.

There being no further business, Board members Pete Bill and Bridget Slack moved adjournment. The Board adjourned at 6:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Schenkel, TCHA Board Secretary

Treasurer's Report
Lorita Bill
February, 2026

Tippecanoe County Historical Association						
Selected Accounts						
	This Year	Last Month	Change from	Last Year	Change from	
	1/31/2026	12/31/2025	Last Month	1/31/2025	Last Year	
Operating Bank Accounts						
Petty Cash	618.25	618.25	-	711.79	(93.54)	
First Merchants Checking .01%	26,046.31	47,257.35	(21,211.04)	28,446.93	(2,400.62)	
First Merchants Operating MM 2.75%	332,259.20	331,576.82	682.38	401,156.99	(68,897.79)	
First Merchants Operating MM 2.75%- Strategic Plan	25,000.00	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	-	
Undeposited Funds	197.20	376.12	(178.92)	65.00	132.20	
	<u>384,120.96</u>	<u>404,828.54</u>	<u>(20,707.58)</u>	<u>455,380.71</u>	<u>(71,259.75)</u>	
Current Obligations & Receivables						
Accounts Payable	(15,368.85)	(16,969.70)	1,600.85	(11,162.50)	(4,206.35)	
Credit Card	(2,704.57)	(1,024.22)	(1,680.35)	(2,492.64)	(211.93)	
Grant Money Receivable	9,974.82	9,974.82	-	-	9,974.82	
Grant Money Advanced	(3,842.21)	(3,842.21)	-	(42,813.56)	38,971.35	
Bicentennial Book Money	-	-	-	(25,000.00)	25,000.00	
	<u>(11,940.81)</u>	<u>(11,861.31)</u>	<u>(79.50)</u>	<u>(81,468.70)</u>	<u>69,527.89</u>	
Operating Cash Less Current Obligations	<u>372,180.15</u>	<u>392,967.23</u>	<u>(20,787.08)</u>	<u>373,912.01</u>	<u>(1,731.86)</u>	
Other Restricted and Designated Accounts						
Emergency Maintenance MM 2.75%	79,800.82	79,648.40	152.42	9,373.25	70,427.57	
Grant Money Receivable - Deposited to Em Maint	-	-	-	43,640.00	(43,640.00)	
Ouiatenon Preserve Account 2.75%	142,706.74	143,679.55	(972.81)	124,857.46	17,849.28	
Feast Rainy Day CD 3.99% Renews Feb 8, 2026	164,816.70	164,259.86	556.84	108,742.93	56,073.77	
Total Other Restricted and Designated Accounts	<u>387,324.26</u>	<u>387,587.81</u>	<u>(263.55)</u>	<u>286,613.64</u>	<u>100,710.62</u>	
			<u>(21,050.63)</u>		<u>98,978.76</u>	
Investment Accounts						
	12/31/2025	12/31/2025	Change 2026	Distributions	Addition	Net Gain (Loss)
TCHA Trust	1,735,500.47	1,735,500.47	-	-	-	-
Wetherill Trust	414,566.02	414,566.02	-	-	-	-
Lafayette Community Foundation	36,391.70	36,391.70	-	-	-	-
Total Investments	<u>2,186,458.19</u>	<u>2,186,458.19</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

	January 2026		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income			
Grant Operating	-	-	-
Contributions	3,377.16	2,715.00	662.16
Museum Store Sales	85.50	-	85.50
Library Revenue	349.50	225.00	124.50
Membership Dues	2,045.00	3,815.00	(1,770.00)
Programs & Education	525.00	-	525.00
Feast Of The Hunters Moon	-	-	-
Total Income	6,382.16	6,755.00	(372.84)
Cost of Goods Sold	76.54	-	76.54
Gross Profit	6,305.62	6,755.00	(449.38)
Expenses			
Salaries, Wages & Benefits	20,558.85	27,691.67	(7,132.82)
Administrative Expenses	979.71	1,280.00	(300.29)
Contract Services			
Administrative	1,791.47	1,750.00	41.47
Equipment & Supplies	373.09	775.00	(401.91)
Collections, Exhibits & Library	344.46	375.00	(30.54)
Museum Store Expenses	3.00	100.00	(97.00)
Insurance and Taxes	1,716.75	1,720.00	(3.25)
Repairs & Maintenance	3,666.57	2,660.00	1,006.57
Contractual Services - Facilities	196.92	200.00	(3.08)
Utilities	4,180.23	4,260.00	(79.77)
Membership Expenses	32.09	-	32.09
Fundraising Expense	-	-	-
Feast Expenses	3,229.92	2,666.00	563.92
Programs & Education Expense	600.00	633.00	(33.00)
Total Expenses	37,673.06	44,110.67	(6,437.61)
Net Operating Income	(31,367.44)	(37,355.67)	5,988.23
Other Income (Expense)			
Grants - Nonoperating	-	-	-
Rents	1,100.00	700.00	400.00
Interest	1,877.76	1,050.00	827.76
Investment Income (distribution only)	-	-	-
Depreciation	6,700.00	6,700.00	-
Total Other Income (Expense)	9,677.76	8,450.00	1,227.76
Net Income (Before Depreciation)	(21,689.68)	(28,905.67)	7,215.99

Executive Director Report
Claire Eagle
February, 2026

Administration

- Health insurance has been renewed for this year. While the plan names have changed once again, coverage stayed about the same in our offered plans. Overall, the cost went up about 9.6% instead of the larger amount we feared.
- Our property insurance renews in May after a three-year rate freeze. I have already begun working with Underwood Insurance as well as contacting a few other companies to start getting quotes.
- We are down to the final two candidates for the Program Manager position. Final in person interviews are scheduled for the second week of March. While I had hoped to have someone in place before the end of March it is looking more likely it will be the beginning of April before someone starts.
- The Arganbright will be closed Wednesday, February 25 due to a power outage as Duke Energy replaces a few power poles on South Street.

Programs

- Q2 programs are currently being planned. Please see the full committee meeting notes for additional information.
- Maple Sugaring at the Fort will take place next weekend, March 7-8. This year we are partnering with Warren-Piece to showcase both modern and historic maple sugaring techniques.

Facilities

- I am still working with Thayer's to schedule the gutter repair on the Arganbright from the damage caused in December.
- The installation of the rail in the auditorium has been completed, and it looks great! Big thanks go to Jeff S. Jeff B, Chris Hitze, Pete and Bill for getting that installed!

Grants, Sponsorships and Donations

- We have already received confirmation of \$15,500 in sponsorship dollars and another \$10,000 in in-kind for the Feast this year. We are waiting to hear back from VL-WL regarding their usual sponsorship, and I am continuing to work on reaching out to other companies and organizations. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas or suggestions.
- I am working on both NCHS grant reports. The weather siren one is due March 1 after our 6-month extension. While the report for the railing isn't due for several months, we have completed all the work associated so I would like to get it submitted sooner rather than later.
- I am also working on several grant applications for the Community Foundation and one for the Mcallister Foundation.

Upcoming

- TCHA's Centennial

Battlefield Museum Report
Trey Gorden
February, 2026

- On winter hours for this month, visitor numbers near normal
- Bathrooms being redone

February is always a slow month at the battlefield; that's why we're on winter hours (noon till 5:00). This February wasn't too bad, though. We had 191 visitors, which is up from last year's (admittedly disappointing) 109. We did get quite close, though, to 2024's total of 208.

I'm happy to announce that Tippecanoe County Parks is redoing the public bathrooms out at the park. It's inconvenient now, of course, to have them closed, but it's high time they were more accessible to people with mobility challenges. This is a complete overhaul of both bathrooms, not just building ramps. I have high hopes for much nicer facilities. They're cautiously projecting that we might be able to use them by early April.

Future:

Tomorrow (Sat., Feb. 21) the Battlefield Museum will host what I hope will be the first of several flint-knapping workshops taught by long-time Feast participant, Ed Mosher. We capped the workshop at ten participants, and it filled up in just a few days. I started a waiting list that now has six people. I think that indicates significant interest in the community, not only for flint knapping but for other workshops on similar topics of interest to history buffs.

Membership Report
Kelly Lippie
February, 2026

- First Newsletter of 2026 to be sent out soon.
- Basic level membership prices now increased by \$5.
- Planning special member opportunities for each quarter.
 - o Quarter 1 = Members only preview show of The Revolutionists at Civic Theatre. About 45 members came, catered by Arni's.
 - o Quarter 2 = Members only tour of the Courthouse with Commissioner Tom Murtaugh in April. Will start taking reservations in late March.
 - o Quarter 3 = Members only "tour" of the Gun Room. Still working on details of this behind-the-scenes opportunity.
 - o Quarter 4 ?
- Gift memberships now available for members who purchase or renew membership this year. Individual membership for \$18.26 all year.
- Commemorative County Bicentennial sticker now being sent with membership cards.

Membership Level	Renewal Period	Total as of November 14	Total as of December 11	Total as of Feb. 17
Individual (\$40)	Annual	54	54	55
Senior Individual (\$35)	Annual	93	90	97
Senior Couple (\$45)	Annual	130	129	131
Family (\$55)	Annual	68	68	72
Patron (\$100)	Annual	61	62	63
Sustaining (\$250)	Annual	17	16	15
Benefactor (\$500)	Annual	5	5	5
Treasure (\$1,000)	Annual	4	4	3
Lifetime	Lifetime	27	27	27
Total Memberships		459	455	468

Total membership February 19 2025: **443**

Upcoming:

Newsletter Issue 1 will be out in a few days

Member Courthouse Tour registrations begin in late March

TCHA Collection Department Report

Kelly Lippie

February, 2026

- Second coat of paint on Battlefield Museum galleries, also finished painting the baseboards.
- 1 of 3 new temporary exhibits installed at the Battlefield Museum. Working on other 2 for Battlefield and new display for History Center wall case.
- Working with Paula Davis to organize Oral History interviews about the Black Chamber of Commerce or potentially an opportunity to scan photos or documents from the businesses involved in the 1990s.
- Met with The Exponent and Based in Lafayette to talk about County Historian program.
- Gave several tours for students in the Urban Matters Lab with Dr. Krishna who will be researching building histories this semester.
- Newly donated print of the Lincoln Club building put on display at History Center.
- New group of students working with Cassie on the Ouatatonon artifact cataloging.
- Visited Union Township Trustees office to see the exhibit they have set up there.
- Gave collections tour requested by Patron members.
- 28 research or photo requests so far in January and February.
- Helen Gougar bible loaned to the Tippecanoe County Courts for Swearing- in ceremony on Feb. 10th.
- Attended webinar on Building a Slant Board Mount for exhibits.
- Applied for a webinar class on Wikipedia entries.

Upcoming in 2026

- New exhibits for the rotating display cases at the History Center and Battlefield to be developed. Loan of IHS traveling exhibit to the Battlefield scheduled for the summer.
- History on Tour Trailer will have an updated exhibit developed for the county bicentennial that will travel to some county events.

Collections Committee Met on Feb. 4

- 11 new accessions created.
- No Deaccessions for February.

Research Library Report
Lucy Lugo
February, 2026

Research requests were a little slow at the beginning of the year but have picked up in the last few weeks along with visits to the research library. We had a new volunteer join us last month who will also be doing indexing work. Everything is going great!

Research Library Stats:

- Since the beginning of the year, we've assisted a total of 39 researchers, 21 email/mail/phone calls and 18 in-person visits
 - 5 out of the 18 in-person visits were TCHA members
 - Mostly genealogy questions, including visits from Purdue students who are conducting research as part of a class
 - Also requests to see land and property records, cemetery records, tax records, photographs, and some of our non-fiction books
- Library volunteers continue to work on various projects, including indexing Tippecanoe Villa cards, Children's Home cards, marriage records, surname cards, and more.

Feast of the Hunters' Moon Report
Brooke Sauter
February, 2026

2026 Event Dates

The Feast of the Hunters' Moon is scheduled for October 24–25, 2026. While the announcement generated some social media backlash, the selected weekend reflects extensive scheduling considerations. We could not utilize October 10–11 due to a home football game, and neighboring events: Mississinewa 1812 (Oct 3–4) and Fort Massac (Oct 17–18) limited alternative options. We are grateful to the Colonial Market Days organizers for their collaboration and willingness to shift their event to October 10–11, allowing us to secure this date. While TSC and LSC will be on fall break during School Days this year, this is the first year in many that the Feast does not fall on Purdue's and West Lafayette's break period. Area schools, including WL, Central Catholic, and schools in all surrounding counties, will be in session. We are not concerned about attendance at school days at this time. But we will work to better promote it in area counties as well as border counties in Illinois to ensure we have consistent attendance.

Food Booths

Confirmation has been received from all but one food booth regarding their return for 2026. The annual Food Booth Meeting will take place April 16 at the TCHA History Center. The Feast Executive Committee, Chef Lauren, and Lorita recently met to discuss improvements aimed at simplifying and streamlining the food booth process for participating organizations.

Volunteer Recognition

At the TCHA Annual Meeting, Bill and Jan Young were recognized as Volunteers of the Year. Their continued dedication and impact on the Feast were highlighted and greatly appreciated.

Operations & Logistics

With dates finalized, Brooke is actively pursuing logistical planning, including service quotes and equipment rental inquiries. We are evaluating alternative vendors in several areas due to ongoing service concerns with some longtime providers.

Administrative & Print Materials

Brooke and Jeff are preparing updated print documents, including applications and related materials, with distribution anticipated in March.

Programming & Partnerships

- Brooke is collaborating with United State of Indiana on 2026 Feast merchandise, with a design focus on the Feast flags as thematic imagery.
- Outreach has been made to the U.S. Army Old Guard regarding potential participation in 2026. A response is expected within 60–90 days.

- Sewing Circle gatherings will resume in March, supporting ongoing costuming and textile preparation for the 2026 event.

Funding & Infrastructure

An application is being prepared for a CFGL grant to replace existing pole-based food booth structures with canvas systems, improving historical authenticity, safety, and long-term durability.

Other Committee Reports February, 2026

Development & Membership Committee

- Drafted a 2026 Development Plan. See supplemental.
- Discussed upcoming grant opportunities for 2026 and final work on grants from 2025.
- New Feast sponsor level of “Friend of the Feast” being offered.
- Discussed final prep for the Annual Members Meeting
- Membership strategies for the year include \$18.26 gift membership when a membership is purchased or renewed at regular price. This has already been instituted.
- Also exploring membership auto renewal feature on Square.
- Did not meet in February. Meeting schedule for 2026 is 2nd Monday of each month at 5:15 in the History Center.

Facilities Committee

- Working on new grant opportunities for Arganbright interior.
- Gathering bids for community grant for additional marquees for the feast and lighting for the HC.
- Arganbright roof has been patched and is not leaking.
- Follow up on Fort grounds emergency system and grant finalization is still waiting on Marty.
- Church lease is still ongoing
- Looking into new alarm system and facilitator.

Historic Markers Committee

We didn't have a quorum for the meeting this month until near time to adjourn, so our main accomplishment was to officially decide to use our \$4000 to revive our Edna Browning Ruby marker project.

Rosanne and Basil Altstatt have used example documents from the state and the DAR, along with lessons learned during last years’ Digby project, to produce documents that should streamline our future projects.

Ouiatenon Preserve Committee

In attendance: Leslie Martin-Conwell, Phyllis Dotson, David Hovde, Del Bartlett, Colby Bartlett, Kory Cooper, and guest Brooke Sauter

Single topic for discussion was interpretive panels for OP.

SIA, DNR, and Community Foundation were all discussed as possible sources of grant funding.

We will need to review copyright protections when selecting maps and images.

We discussed local options for taking the design and making the final product. Will need more investigation of the capabilities of Pyramid, Sewah, and Freckles. Fossil, where previous quote

came from is still considered a possibility depending on what locals can provide. Will review NHL rules regarding signage but the committee generally agreed it should follow basic NPS guidelines, without looking exactly like NPS to avoid confusion. At the next meeting we will discuss text for Panel 1.

Brooke shared images of digital mock-up for interpretive signs based on Fossil quote and bullet points of topics previously collected.

Program Committee

Members present: Cassie Apuzzo, Claire Eagle, Lucy Lugo, Brooke Sauter, Bridget Slack, Whitney Walton

Other members: Walt Griffin, David Hovde and Amy Harbor

1. Committee Task List Review
 - ✓ All committee members will continue to think about how to structure the possible passport program (see number 5 below).
 - ✓ All committee members will consider scenario-based questions regarding programs for the interview process. Any questions should be shared with Claire.
2. Previous Program Review
 - a. Saturday, December 20 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. – Joyeux Noel a Post du Ouiatenon: ~50 attendees
 - b. Saturday, February 7 at 2 0.m. – Annual Meeting of the Membership: ~40 attendees
3. Plan for Upcoming Programs
 - a. Tuesday, February 10 at 6 p.m. – Members Only Revolutionists Performance
 - i. RSVPs are in and we have Arni’s catering. Kelly and Claire are handling the day of preparations
 - b. Thursday, February 12 at 6 p.m. – Author Talk with Tom Speaker
 - i. Social media posts and email reminders have gone out to members. This program will not be available via Zoom.
 - c. Saturday, February 21 at 12 p.m. – Flint Knapping Workshop
 - i. We are sold out and currently have a waiting list. Trey will be handling all day of logistics.
 - d. Saturday and Sunday March 7 and 8 from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. – Maple Sugaring at Post Ouiatenon
 - i. We are partnering with Warren-Piece this year. Brooke has been working with them on their needs. Claire will email Tom In the next week to see if they need anything as well as call the Sherrif’s Department and let them know we have a living history event occurring.
4. January-March Programs
 - a. Confirmed:
 - i. Saturday, April 18 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Saturday, April 25 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and Monday, April 27 at 5 p.m. – Members Only Courthouse Tours led by Commissioner Murtaugh
 - ii. Tuesday, June 9 at 6 p.m. – Baseball Program with Matt Meyer
 - b. Ideas/In Process:
 - i. Taste of the Past dinners (June)
 1. Themes and dates are still being discussed with Chef Lauren
 - ii. Living history program at the Fort (June)

1. Claire will reach out to Tom W. to see if the group wants to do their usual St. John the Baptist event.
- iii. Family Game Night
 1. Committee members were very enthusiastic about having a family game night. Bridget is looking into local calendars to see if there is a good date in April to try.
 2. Claire will reach out to Kelly to see if she has an inventory of the toys and games in the expendable collection.
 3. Committee members are also interested in putting additional information about each game together (i.e. when/where was it made, how long was it manufactured, etc.)
- iv. Additional Lecture Program
 1. Whitney has agreed to present a lecture on Emilie Koenig and her immigrant experience in Lafayette. She will present some ideas on potential dates to Claire in the next couple of weeks.
- v. Spring Cemetery Tour
 1. Lucy is considering options for a spring cemetery tour. Because of the late Feast and other fall events, a fall cemetery tour is not likely unless it is a part of Commemoration.
5. Tippecanoe County Bicentennial
 - a. History on Tour Trailer
 - i. At this time, the committee feels like a passport program will not work as we originally planned. Committee members will instead work to man the trailer itself during it's visits around the county.
6. Homeschool Programming
 - a. Claire and Bridget will meet to further discuss the idea of a homeschool class series. The committee will circle back next meeting.
7. Program Manager Position Update
 - a. Second round of interviews start on 2/12. Claire hopes to have someone in place between mid and late March.

Committee Task List

- Claire will reach out to Tom W. to see if the group wants to do their usual St. John the Baptist event in June.
- Claire and Bridget will meet to further discuss the idea of a homeschool class series.

Publications Committee

Members of the committee visited the Purdue Archives to review the material they had on William Henry Harrison and any other Battle related information

There was interest in some maps and other documents that may be available from the state library but are not online. We also continue to research proper nomenclature for native North American tribes and groups

There was further discussion on how to proceed on a John T McCutcheon related publication

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)

2025 OFFICERS OF THE BOARD (1 Year Term, not more than 5 consecutive terms)

Position	Name	First Term Began	Term Number in 2025	Re-election eligibility ends
President	Jeff Schwab	February 2021	5	January 2026
Vice President	Jeremy Spann	February 2025	1	January 2030
Secretary	Nick Schenkel	February 2023	3	January 2028
Treasurer	Lorita Bill	February 2021	5	January 2026

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* indicates Chair or Co-Chair

Standing Committees

Executive Committee

Board President *
Board Vice President

Board Secretary
Chair of the Budget, Finance, and Risk Management
Committee

Board Treasurer

Collections Committee

Kelly Lippie *
Cassie Apuzzo
Trey Gorden
Lucy Lugo

Nick Schenkel
Other Members:
LA Clugh
Rick Conwell

Carolyn O'Connell
Amy Harbor
Mary Springer

Facilities Committee (formerly the Buildings & Grounds Committee)

Jeff Burnworth *
Walt Griffin
Colby Bartlett
Lorita Bill

Ashima Krishna
Kelly Lippie
Jeremy Spann
Other Members:

Pete Bill
Chris Hitze
Bill Young

Finance, Budget, and Risk Management Committee

Lorita Bill*
Claire Eagle
Walt Griffin

Tara Raber
John Thieme
Nick Schenkel

Jeff Schwab
Todd White

Nominating Committee

Jeremy Spann -*
Kory Cooper
Claire Eagle

Dave Sattler
Nick Schenkel
Jeff Schwab

Bridget Slack
Jillian White

Other Committees

Development & Membership Committee

Kelly Lippie *
Jeff Burnworth
Tara Raber
Dave Sattler

Jeremy Spann
Jillian White
Todd White

Other Members:
Brooke Sauter
Ronda Walsh Schwab

Feast Committee

Brooke Sauter *
Jeff Schwab *
Aerica Beaver

Mary Fisher
Sam Haughey
Brian Hawn

Lauren Reed
Matt Riebsomer
Jackie Schmidt

Jeff Burnworth
Kelly Lippie
Jeremy Spann
Other Members:
Mac Bellner
Molly Bellner
Pete Bill
Mike Elliott

Erin Hicks
Jeff Hockstra
Mackenzie Kassner
Erika Kvam
Robert Leavitt
Randy Lower
Janine Lowery
Melissa O'Farrell

Sheri Sondgerath
Scott Stambaugh
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
Trey Gorden

Other Members:
Pete Bill

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