

National Historical Publications and Records Commission
Executive Summary Minutes
of November 21, 2014

The meeting was called to order by David S. Ferriero, chairman, at 2:00 pm in the Archivist's Board Room of the National Archives in Washington, DC.

Commission Members present:

David S. Ferriero, Chairperson

Via Teleconference

Peter Gottlieb

Karen L. Jefferson

Erin Mahan

George Miles

Will Thomas

Ray Smock

Rodger Stroup

NHPRC staff present:

Kathleen Williams, Executive Director

Lucy Barber

Keith Donohue

Alexander Lorch

Nancy Melley

Daniel A. Stokes

Mr. Ferriero opened the meeting and greeted the Members.

Ms. Williams opened with a description of the process and timetable for three new grant announcements for *Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions*, *State Board Programming Grants*, and *Access to Historical Records*.

Dr. Smock enquired about the language in the Publishing Historical Records announcement that asks applicants to describe their digital preservation plans that will preserve the digital information and provide continued access. He expressed concern over whether that language mandated editorial projects to provide continued access and felt that the larger issue of sustaining online access is an ongoing issue. Ms. Williams agreed and stated that the language was intended to press publishers and editorial projects to try to solve it. The language was not intended as a mandate, but as a way of asking projects to think about, and plan for, continued access.

Dr. Miles enquired about the language in the Access to Historical Records announcement which strikes the phrase "visual" and replaces it with "moving image" in the general description of activities for "digital preservation of electronic records and unstable audio or moving image formats." Mr. Lorch explained that the term "visual" caused some applicants to include photographs

as part of their applications in this category (instead of *Digital Dissemination*), and that the language clarifies what types of materials are included. Dr. Miles wondered about the question of jpegs and other “born-digital” image types, and Dr. Barber said that such images would be covered under the term “electronic records” and that we could include “born-digital” jpegs and other formats under the FAQs for this category. Dr. Miles asked that we revisit the question after another round of applications to see if there is a fall-off in any types of projects we are seeing.

The Commission voted unanimously to accept the announcements as amended.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.