

**Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial
Commission Meeting**

July 29, 2009

MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History
Little Rock, Arkansas

Members Present

Richard Davies – Director, Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism
Mark Christ – Designee, Department of Arkansas Heritage
Tommy Dupree – Jacksonville, Governor Appointee
Laura Miller – President, Arkansas Historical Association
Dr. Jamie Brandon – Governor Appointee
Carolyn Ashcraft – Director, Arkansas State Library
Jim Branson – House Speaker Designee
Dr. George Lankford – Batesville, Senate Pro Tem Designee
W. Danny Honnoll – President, Arkansas Civil War Heritage Trails Foundation
Dr. Wendy Richter – Director, Arkansas History Commission
Archie Moore – Governor Appointee

Members Absent

Mark Kalkbrenner – Arkansas Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans
Bill Gatewood, Director – Old State House Museum
Ernest Cunningham – Governor Appointee
DeeLois Lawrence – President, Arkansas Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy
DuShun Scarbrough – Director, Martin Luther King Commission
Sam Wang – Sons of Union Veterans
Ellen M. Lewis – Senate Pro Tem Designee
John C. Scott – Pea Ridge National Military Park

Visitors

Frances McSwain – Director, Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
Gail Sears – Hot Springs National Park
Mark Blaeuer – Hot Springs National Park
Linda McDowell – Arkansas History Commission
Jack Hill – TeleVision for Arkansas
Keith Brooks – Martin Luther King Commission
Keith Jefferson – Buffalo National River

Tommy Dupree called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m. He asked each guest to stand and introduce themselves and tell where they are from. Tommy welcomed all of the guests.

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

Discussion of Heritage Trails Program

Richard Davies stated that Historic Preservation is using GIS to chart the trails that support the Heritage Trails Legislation. These trails will be translated to the highways and county roads that they follow. The product of this work will result in a website and Heritage Trails brochure. After charting these trails, Parks and Tourism will be meeting with the Highway Department.

Mark Christ stated that Tony Feaster is working on charting the trails.

Richard listed the trails that are designated by the legislation. They are the Butterfield Stagecoach Route, SW Trail from Missouri to Texas, American Indian Removal routes designated by parks and tourism including without limitation land and water routes for Cherokee, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), Chickasaw, and Seminoles and Civil War troop movement routes.

The Department of Parks and Tourism, in consultation with the Arkansas History Commission, the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, and the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, will conduct studies to determine the feasibility of designating additional trails as heritage trails. These trails are the Line Road from Van Buren to Evansville, the Memphis to Little Rock Road, The Rock Roe Landing connection to Memphis to Little Rock Road, Cadron to Arkansas Post Road, Little Rock to Fort Smith Road Section to the old Potts Tavern, the Little Rock to Fort Smith and Fort Gibson section from Potts to Fort Smith, the Upper Cut Road, the Little Rock to Washington Road, the Old Fort Towson Road from Washington to American Indian Territory, the Antoine to Fort Towson Road, the Ecore Fabre (Camden) Road to Washington and Camden to Point Chicot.

Richard assumes that the information will be taken to the Legislators to report on the findings of the study. He also stated that a lot of the routes are the same routes, so that will have to be figured out.

Jamie Brandon asked who would be doing the translation of the modern roadways. Richard replied that he is looking to Heritage to give the real route and then that will be overlaid on a highway map to see what it looks like and then the information will be taken to the Highway Department to see what they are willing to do.

Another question is about the routes going down a county road and would the Highway Department be willing to do signs for these trails.

Mark stated that Tony Feaster hopes to have the Civil War campaign routes done by mid-August. He is also looking at Prairie Grove, Pea Ridge, Little Rock Campaign, Camden

Expedition, and the Confederate approaches to Helena and Pine Bluff. Richard asked what all is included in the routes and Mark stated that he would have to look.

Jim Branson asked about Arkansas Post and Mark Christ gave a short explanation of the Arkansas Post campaign. Jim Branson inquired about Sesquicentennial Road. Mark suggested that Sesquicentennial Road could be added to the studied routes.

Richard Davies thinks that the program is not limited to studying only the routes on the list from the legislation.

George Lankford asked how the trail project will be connected to the Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Richard stated that he thought that once the brochure has been done the troop movements could then be marked on the trail routes and the information could be found on the ArkansasCivilWar150 website. Richard also mentioned the work that Mark Christ did to list all of the troops from all states.

Tommy Dupree stated that he stopped at the Jacksonville Museum of Military History earlier in the month to check his email and found that there was a lot of traffic at the museum. He stated that someone asked him about Arkansas' Sesquicentennial celebration. He advised the visitor that Arkansas would be having many events during the five-year Civil War Sesquicentennial Celebration.

George Lankford asked about the type of signage that will be used. Richard replied that route signs would be used. George asked if the ACWSC would have to fund this and Richard responded that the commission would not. Parks and Tourism will be doing the website and the brochures, Heritage has to do all of the paperwork, and the Highway Department is paying for the signs.

George Lankford asked if anyone is working on a CD for the car for the driving trails. Richard responded that a CD had not been made, but that it is a good idea.

Discussion of Passport Program

Laura Miller stated that passport programs have been extremely popular and that people are enthusiastic about getting their passports stamped. She passed around two samples of passports used by other agencies. They were the 2003 Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial Passport and the AETN Parks Passport. AETN is currently doing a passport and Laura suggests something similar with 20 to 30 pages. She advised the commission to consider developing a final list of sites and design a stamp. She also stated that the sample passports highlighted other sites of interest and a timeline of events in history. This would be nice for the ACWSC Passport Program. Laura stated that stamps cost around \$10-\$14 per stamp depending on the detail. She also mentioned that incentive of a prize for a certain number of visits would be a good idea and suggested forming a committee to finalize the site that would go into the passport.

Tommy Dupree asked for volunteers. Jamie Brandon suggested adding local events to the passport, but stated that the commission doesn't currently know what those events are. He also stated that most Civil War sites are unmanned. Laura stated that she didn't believe the local events would work in the passport, but would be good to have on the Arkansascivilwar150.com website. She also suggested having the next manned site closest to an unmanned site provide a stamp for visitor's passport books. Jim Branson suggested having the county museum provide the stamp. Carolyn Ashcraft suggested that commission consider using local libraries to stamp the passports.

Laura restated that the commission needed to come up with a list of sites. Richard Davies stated that he would have Jay Miller help with the Passport Program. Volunteers to this committee include Laura Miller, Mark Christ, Carolyn Ashcraft, and Jim Branson.

Report on Historical Marker Program

Mark Christ has read over the plan presented by Mudpuppy & Waterdog. He stated that the consultants covered all areas and spoke briefly about the suggestion of a maintenance fee of \$200 for the marker program in addition to the marker fee. This fee would be for catastrophic repairs. The commission members agree that this is a good idea.

George Lankford inquired about how the marker would be linked to the owner. Mark Christ stated that property tags could be attached to the back of the markers so if they are moved, finders will return them to DAH.

Richard Davies asked Mark if there was anything in the plan submitted by Mudpuppy and Waterdog that bothered him. Mark stated that the plan was pretty comprehensive but it didn't address financial information. He also stated that the ACWSC has the Preserve America Grant of \$33,000. Mark Christ stated that the marker program will allow recipients to receive \$1,000 towards their marker and whoever the sponsor for the marker is will pay the rest of the money for the marker.

Richard Davies asked if there is any money left in the ACWSC budget for the marker program and Mark stated that it wasn't a line item in the budget.

Mark Christ mentioned the extra help position and stated that it would be a 79 hour per month position. He is expecting a number of applicants for the position.

Mark stated that Mudpuppy & Waterdog suggested that the initial marker be done at the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History. He agrees that is a great idea since it is where the Civil War almost started in February of 1861. He also spoke with Steven McAteer, who was receptive to having a marker at the museum.

Mark stated that several color schemes were submitted for the markers. Sewah was the least expensive marker company and they made all the Civil War Centennial markers.

Richard asked if there were any provisions for state agencies that want to pay for their own signs. Mark Christ thinks that the idea is inherent in the Mudpuppy & Waterdog presentation. They would still need to go through the same application process. He suggested that applicants provide documentation and someone in the AHPP office will write the official signage.

George Lankford had questions about the proofing of the markers before they are placed because he noticed some misspelling in the example shown to the commissioners. He wants to know what the process will be for catching errors. Mark stated that there will be a review committee. Jamie Brandon stated that DAH and a review committee of commissioners would handle proofing the markers. Mark stated that the person submitting the application would also get a chance to review the write up before it is sent to be made into the marker.

George also inquired about the importance of what goes on the marker. Richard Davies agreed that it was important to tell the significance of each event that goes on a marker. Mark Christ stated that the text could be on both sides of the marker so it would be plenty of room to get the full context onto the marker.

Jamie Brandon stated that the review committee will need to address standards that the marker should meet.

George Lankford asked if there was any historical test of colored paint and if it will hold up. He has seen markers that have faded in the past. Mark Christ stated that George had a good question. He will ask the consultants to check into this and he will report back to the commission. George asked what the life expectancy was of the markers. Mark responded that there are still some in the state that were placed back in the 1930s that are still in good shape.

Jamie Brandon asked about the application process. Mark Christ stated that the application would be sent to AHPP. Someone at AHPP would edit the information to be placed on the marker and then the application would be sent to the appropriate ACWSC committee for approval. The commission will give the final approval. Jamie asked who would get the first 33 markers and Mark stated that Mudpuppy & Waterdog do stipulate in their plan that the markers representing holes in history should get priority.

George Lankford asked if the maintenance money would be used to replace incorrect markers. Mark stated that the maintenance money is strictly for sesquicentennial commission markers.

There was a brief discussion regarding incorrect markers and their replacement. Richard Davies suggested asking the consultants about a trade-in program for incorrect markers. Mark Christ stated that he has seen sites where there are markers that are placed correcting previously incorrect markers and the incorrect marker is still there. Tommy Dupree briefly talked about fundraising in order to pay for markers.

Jamie Brandon stated that the commission needs to form a committee to proof the information that will go on the marker. Jamie volunteered, as did George Lankford, Wendy Richter, and Carolyn Ashcraft.

ACWSC Grant Program

Mark Christ stated that there was \$25,000 appropriated specifically for local exhibits and the like. The commission is proposing to offering grants for up to \$2,000 for the sesquicentennial. He sent an email to Preserve America to see if this was a good idea for matching funds and they agreed that this program would probably be acceptable. Mark is inclined to hold off until the commission has a chance to see if Preserve America will actually accept the program. Currently there are no official guidelines set up by Preserve America and Mark believes this may be because they are waiting for their new fiscal year to start in October. Once the program is ready, a press release will be sent out. Jamie Brandon agrees with Mark's suggestion.

Mark stated that Frances "Missy" McSwain, Tommy Dupree, and a commission member would need to be on the grant review committee for the grants program. Archie Moore volunteered.

George Lankford inquired about funding to have a one-day workshop to show interested parties how the grant program works.

Jamie Brandon added some additional suggestions the commission could try to find communities specifically that will fill the holes in history and invite them specifically to come to a workshop.

Richard Davies suggested having a frequently asked question (FAQ) page on the website. Jamie stated that he had previously volunteered to do a FAQ page and just failed to get to it. Mark stated that he thought George had a good idea and that the consultants had suggested having workshops to inform people about the marker program as well. The commission could expand the consultant's idea to include the grants program.

Jamie Brandon asked if this type of workshop would be very expensive to put on. Mark Christ stated that he didn't think it was very expensive. He thought regional meetings might be a good idea.

Carolyn Ashcraft stated that the commission should reach out to all the county judges, museums, libraries, and historical societies. She stated that mail outs would be better because some people still don't have access to a computer. Carolyn also volunteered to cover expenses for the correspondence out of her budget if necessary.

Mark Christ stated that over the last couple of months he has sent out memos to the mayors, county judges, historical societies, chamber of commerce about what the commission goals are or the sesquicentennial. He also emailed all of the regional tourism

associations and they responded very enthusiastically. Mark also contacted planning and development districts, but so far he has only heard back from two of them.

Carolyn Ashcraft inquired about making contact with schools. Richard Davies asked about the system that school teachers have. Carolyn said it is the ADE website and Mark Christ stated the AHPP has an education person that has connections to that contact list.

Carolyn suggested contacting EAST Lab Programs in schools and she stated the program does some good work. She thought that they could do some incredible Civil War projects and Jamie agreed that it was a good idea. Mark Christ stated that the EAST Lab in Calhoun County did some work to have a cemetery listed on the National Register. Jamie Brandon stated that they had done a project in Jerome that was as good as what professionals have done and he was very impressed.

George Lankford inquired about History Day. He stated that the commission could cooperate with History Day for the five years of the sesquicentennial celebration. Carolyn asked for the dates for History Day. George stated March or April. Mark Christ asked who the contact person is for History Day events. George Lankford and a few other commission members stated that Pat Ramsey at UCA is in charge of the History Day events. Mark stated that he would check with Ms. Ramsey.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m. for lunch

The meeting resumed at 1:17 p.m.

Discussion of ACWSC Speakers

Mark Christ stated that he is soliciting and receiving requests for people to speak to groups about the sesquicentennial. He has been showing them the video and then discussing the program such as the grants program and passport program. He is requesting the commissioners' help with soliciting and receiving request for speakers for the sesquicentennial.

Mark asked for volunteers to speak on August 11, 2009, in Dardanelle at the Tri-Peaks Regional Tourism Association. Jamie Brandon volunteered.

Appointment of Sanctioning Task Force and Executive Committee

Tommy Dupree asked for volunteers for the Sanctioning Task Force and Executive Committee.

Mark Christ referred to the Hot Springs handout that he passed out to everyone and stated that Hot Springs National Park Service is asking for approval to use the ACWSC logo on the handout. No decision was made.

Tommy asked if there were any question about creating a task force for sanctioning. He asked for volunteers. Mark stated that he thought a lot of the discussion could be done via email or conference call.

Carolyn Ashcraft asked Mark when he expected the majority of requests to start coming in. He said it was hard to tell until the word gets out.

Tommy thought there should be at least 4 members on the committee.

Discussion of Wayside Projects

Mark Christ stated that he spoke with Bobbie Heffington and she thinks the ACWSC could sponsor waysides. Mark suggested Massard Prairie Battlefield Park outside of Fort Smith. They have a battlefield that is listed as the Massard Prairie Battlefield – 6th Kansas Cavalry, but the only interpretation on site is four signs with a single letter where particular companies had camps. Tom Wing, at the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith has a class on site interpretation that could help with these types of waysides.

Mark stated that he can explore possibilities if the Commission would like for him to. Jamie asked if this is in the budget. Mark stated that it would fall within the publishing section. Richard and Mark discuss the price of markers. Mark stated that it would probably be around \$1,500. Jamie stated that he liked the idea and if it is successful it would be interesting to see if the Commission could see if that class could adopt other projects. The point of that program is public interpretation.

Laura Miller moved to explore the possibility of having Tom Wing's class interpret waysides for the ACWSC. Jamie Brandon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mark stated that he would give a report at the next meeting.

Discussion of Conference Exhibits

Mark Christ stated that there are two conferences coming up. One is the 64th Annual Arkansas Hospitality Association Conference on September 23 & 24, 2009 and the other is the 2009 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference on September 2-5. The cost is around \$500 to have presence or a booth. Richard Davies stated that he believed that both of the groups were good that are giving the conferences.

Jamie Brandon asked about outfitting the ACWSC booth. Mark stated that a video can be set up to loop. Richard suggested having a museum loan artifacts for display at the booth. George Lankford stated that this would be a good time to have signage made. Mark Christ stated that there should be a way to do this.

Richard Davies moved, Carolyn Ashcraft seconded a motion to have a booth at the AHA and the FGS Conferences in September. The motion passed.

Tommy clarified the amount of \$1,000 for booths (\$500 for each conference).

Carolyn Ashcraft volunteered to help pay the booth rent for the Genealogy Conference.

2011 Kick-off Event

Mark Christ stated that he met with Carol Adornetto from AETN at OSH about the kick-off event at OSH. It would cost \$23,285 to have AETN film the event from the studio and \$27,953 to have AETN film the event from the Old State House. There was some talk about taping the event early in 2010.

Richard asked if this would be done prior to the 2011 beginning of the sesquicentennial and will premier during the kick-off. Jamie Brandon stated that he thought the event would be live.

Carolyn stated that the good thing about pre-recording the event is that it can be edited. Richard asked if people may want a scholarly discussion each year of the sesquicentennial celebration. Jamie stated that he could see that happening and likes the idea of showing the video.

Richard asked what is needed from the commission at this time. Jamie stated that the commission needs to decide whether to film the event at AETN or the Old State House.

Richard Davies moved that the event should be done at the Old State House by AETN for \$27,953. Jim Branson seconded the motion.

Richard asked how long the film would last and Mark replied that it would be 1 hour. Mark then gave a breakdown of the cost

The motion passed.

Carolyn stated that AETN does an exceptional job.

George Lankford asked if AETN does a market survey to see who is watching the programs on their network. Richard explained that AETN is not like other television networks.

Jamie stated that the commission wants to reach people that are not usually interested in the Civil War.

Richard inquired about the commission using the footage and having it put into the archives at the State Library.

Carolyn suggested that AETN might be able to give the commission some information on ratings based other Civil War documentaries that they have shown.

Richard asked if AETN sells their documentaries and Carolyn replied that they do. Richard then suggested that the documentary could be sold in gift shops.

Legislative Report

Representative Jon Woods of Springdale, Arkansas, addressed the commission with some of his ideas about his role and what he would like to see happen in preparation for the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial.

He stated that he had a love of history that stems back to his childhood. Representative Woods explained that he would like to speak with Governor Beebe along with Representatives Joan Cash and Tiffany Rogers. The goal is to inquire about the money in the ACWSC budget that the Governor has control over. He stated that currently he and his constituents are trying to hammer out a time when they can get together with the Governor.

Richard Davies asked Representative Woods to explain the Governor's money to the commission members. Representative Woods stated that the Governor has pledged a certain amount of money that he has to release in order for the commission to use it.

Representative Woods also stated that he would still need help from the commission members. He would like for the commissioners to go to their senator to help secure commitments for funding the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission and their efforts for the upcoming celebration during the 2011 session. Representative Woods believes that, with the help of the commission, he can easily come up with the money from legislators that the commission needs to be successful.

Jamie stated that the commission couldn't quite figure out how to formally go about going to the legislators.

Representative Woods mentioned an idea about having a scroll for legislators to sign as acknowledgement of their commitment of monetary contributions to the ACWSC budget. He believes the commission can get ½ million dollars from the House and the Senate.

Representative Woods stated that he would try to meet with Governor Beebe in the coming week.

Richard Davies thanked Rep. Woods for all of his help with the Commission.

Rep. Woods stated that the commission could, between January and April, help encourage legislators to help fund the ACWSC budget.

Tommy Dupree thanked Rep. Woods for his help with the ACWSC.

Carolyn Ashcraft asked Rep. Woods if there was anything wrong with the commissioners coming to the Capitol to lobby for the Commission. Rep. Woods stated that he didn't see a problem with it.

Off-site Meeting in FY2010

Richard Davies suggested having the offsite visit to Pea Ridge or Prairie Grove for the off-site meeting.

Mark Christ stated that NW Arkansas is a good area to meet off-site. He also stated that he thought this off-site visit would be best done in for the Spring meeting. Jamie Branson suggested the May meeting would be a good time to go to an off-site meeting. Richard Davies suggested late Spring.

Jamie Branson mentioned that this meeting should not interfere with any other sesquicentennial event and George Lankford stated that the meeting could draw press coverage.

Subcommittee Reports

Diversity Committee

Jamie Brandon stated that the Diversity Committee discussed targeting people that can cover holes in history.

New Business

Mark Christ talked to the Commission about two projects. Helena's kick-off event for the interpretive plan that was created resulted in 27 different interpretive centers and better than 97 waysides and other material scattered throughout the town and Phillips County. Southern Bank Corp. and Southern Financial Partners paid for Helena's interpretive plan but money has to be raised to put the plan into action. Their goal is to have the interpretive plan in place and ready to go by 2013.

Mark stated that he had been working with the City Council in DeValls Bluff. He and Jay Miller suggested 8 different waysides to interpret DeValls Bluff and the Civil War. Bill Arnold took this information to the City Council and they voted to pursue Humanities Council funding for the project. They are trying to buy an old football field and if they get that field they will be reconstructing one of the DeValls Bluff forts. There is one surviving fort but it is on private property and the owner doesn't want people coming out to his property.

Mark also announced that he recently received 11 cases of ACWSC brochures and for anyone to let him know if they need any.

Mark stated that he spoke with Patrick Williams, editor of the Arkansas Historical Quarterly, and the two of them have been talking about the possibility of doing a compilation of all of the first person accounts of the Civil War that have appeared in the

Quarterly since it has been published. Mark has a copy and has read all of them and he and Patrick are currently trying to figure out how to organize the information and go forward with the plan. This is to be published by the University of Arkansas Press and this would be a cooperative project between the ACWSC and the Arkansas Historical Association.

The question was asked if this will be a special edition and Mark responded that it would be an actual book.

Richard asked how long the Quarterly has been being published and Wendy Richter stated that it has been published since 1942.

Jamie Brandon asked about subvention of the publication and Mark stated that it is in the Commission's budget.

Mark stated that if it is agreeable to the Commission he will continue work on the project.

Richard restated that the commissioners need to put out the call for artifacts or photographs related to the Civil War in Arkansas.

Mark stated that the Commission had suggested an Antiques Road Show. Carolyn agreed that the commission needs to proceed with the Road Show plans. Richard stated that the Press Association may help get the word out about artifacts.

Jamie mentioned the Louisiana Public Television filmed some of the Louisiana Road Show. He stated that there were plenty of hits and misses on true artifacts.

Carolyn Ashcraft volunteered to talk to the Press Association and asked Mark Christ for ACWSC brochures. She also stated that the library will be suggesting books during the sesquicentennial celebration with the Civil War theme. She asked Mark to send her an email with suggestions.

Richard Davies stated the Jim Lair had recently done a book signing and plans to do a book on every year of the Civil War.

George Lankford mentioned a previous discussion about having a meeting for informing teachers at universities and graduate students who may be looking for a thesis and dissertation topics about the possibility of using various collections that are in archives around the state as a way to try to get that done. He also stated that if people start now they may be able to have something published before the end of the sesquicentennial period.

Richard thinks it is a good idea but asked how to go about putting together a bibliography of the collections that are out there for everyone to use. Jamie added several suggestions.

George Lankford stated that his local history association is beginning to reach the point where they are going to put down programming topics and dates for the Sesquicentennial in Independence County. He believes his local history association needs help finding people who give talks who know what they are talking about. Jamie suggested a speaker's bureau.

Carolyn asked if this was something that the ACWSC discussed on the website. Mark and Jamie agreed that it was discussed and Carolyn stated that the Commission needed to be more proactive about this topic of discussion. Mark stated that he did have some volunteers that stated that they would be on the Commission's Speaker's Bureau.

Jamie suggested that the commission find someone that can speak on the holes in history. Richard Davies asked if anyone had done a book on strictly the Union Arkansas Regiments. Several commission members responded that there hasn't been a book done. Mark stated that several people have done research on the topic.

Carolyn inquired if it would be of any benefit to work up something to send out, sort of like a FAQ sheet, to let people know what the Commission is trying to do so that individuals or organizations can figure out how they can participate. We could list all the things that the Commission has been discussing (historical marker project, sanctioning events at the local level, speaker's bureau for presenters and topics, etc.) and work up a one or two page sheet that could be sent out with the brochure for the ACWSC. This would let people know or get them time to figure out what they can do. She doesn't believe that the Commission can just rely on the website only. The Press Association would be another good way to get the word out. Mark stated that he would pull together a list of contact, to send this information out to.

Carolyn stated that the Grant County Museum expressed that they would like to plan something, but she only had the brochure.

Carolyn asked about Bill Gatewood's report on the website. Mark stated that Bill got an internal commission form set up on website. Jamie stated that it is sort of like a wiki. A wiki is a piece of server software that allows users to freely create and edit Web page content using any Web browser.

Tommy asked the Commissioners to go back to the request for sanctioning. Mark stated that Charlie Sandage is working on a CD of Civil War songs that he would like to have sanctioned by the Commission. Carolyn stated that Charlie does good work and to ask him to add in libraries to the list of places that will have the CD available to purchase. Richard asked who is going to make sure information is accurate. Laura also has concerns and then there was some discussion about the lyrics of new songs. George stated that he spoke with Harmony and suggested that the sesquicentennial would be a good time for the group to produce a song about the Civil War. Richard suggested reading the lyrics before sanctioning.

Jamie stated that mandates are not in place yet and that the Commission needs to set that up before sanctioning. Richard and other members of the Commission agree that this should be held to the same standards as anything else that the commission sanctions. Jamie stated that criteria still need to be set.

Carolyn Ashcraft asked when the next meeting will be and Mark stated that it would be the last Wednesday in October, which is October 28, 2009.

Jamie stated that the sanctioning committee should not wait until the next meeting to sanction the Charlie Sandage request and that the Commission has not yet appointed commission members to the Sanctioning Committee. Carolyn Ashcraft volunteered to be on the Sanctioning Committee and Danny Honnoll and Bill Gatewood were appointed by Chairman Tommy Dupree. Current members to the committee are Tommy Dupree and Ellen Lewis.

Richard Davies moved and Jim Branson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 3:00 p.m. The motion passed.