

Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission
Meeting #24, Via Telephone
Wednesday, June 27, 2007, 12:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Present were Dr. Jean Bandler, Dr. Darrel Bigham, Mrs. Julie Cellini, the Hon. Richard Durbin (left early for Senate vote), Ms. Joan Flinspach (joined the meeting just before the Finance Report), Mr. Harold Holzer, Dr. James Horton, the Hon. Ray LaHood, Mrs. Lura Lynn Ryan, the Hon. Tommy Turner, the Hon. Frank Williams (joined the meeting during the Executive Director's report), Ms. Eileen Mackevich, Executive Director, Mrs. Jennifer Rosenfeld, Deputy Director, Mr. David Early, Communications Director and V. Suresh, Executive Assistant. Mr. Jack Kemp was a guest. Congressional staff included Ms. Diane Liesman and Mrs. Joan DeBoer from Congressman LaHood's office.

MINUTES AND FINANCE REPORT

Senator Durbin called the telephonic meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The [minutes](#) were approved and are [attached](#). Senator Durbin began the Finance Report ([attached](#)) with a statement that the Senate has approved an appropriation for the ALBC at \$1 million and the House of Representatives is working to approve a bill with as close to that amount as possible. Senator Durbin then left the meeting for a Senate vote.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Congressman LaHood stepped in to chair the meeting. He asked for Ms. Mackevich's report which is [attached](#). Ms. Mackevich noted that in addition to her report, Mr. Alan Kirschner who has been fund raising part time, is reworking the plan. He will be calling Commissioners. Chief Justice Frank Williams and Mr. Jack Kemp joined the meeting at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Congressman LaHood asked for the Communications Committee report which is [attached](#). Mrs. Cellini asked when the website will be launched. Mr. Early responded that there will be a soft launch on July 11, 2007 just for the Commissioners. The hard launch will be on Labor Day. A correction was made to the report at the top of page 3. The timeline is available courtesy of Library of America and of Mrs. Virginia Fehrenbacher. Dr. Bandler asked whether the general public will be able to add images and comments. Mr. Early said that yes, this will be possible eventually. Dr. Bigham asked if the website will be expanded to include lesson plans. Mr. Early said that it will. Dr. Bandler advised that as far as a successor institution is concerned, we need to set criteria and then investigate the possibilities. Mr. Holzer recommended that the Communications Committee list what content is desired and set a period of time for it to be maintained. The committee will discuss this and report back to the Commissioners. Mr. Early reported that C-SPAN will hold off on the announcement of its partnership with the ALBC until closer to the bicentennial window. Ms. Flinspach added that C-SPAN has the contents of a video streamed exhibit from The Lincoln Museum which they will be mounting soon.

Congressman LaHood requested that Ms. Flinspach and Mrs. Cellini give the Public Programs Committee report. They asked Judge Turner to begin the report ([attached](#)) with an update on the Kentucky events. He noted that the committee has changed its name from the Kentucky Kickoff Committee to the Kentucky Inaugural Committee and that they are making

headway with fund raising. The co-chairs asked if there were any questions. Dr. Bigham added that the dates for the 2008 Mother's Day event at the Lincoln Boyhood Home be corrected to reflect May 10th and 11th. Dr. Horton noted that the University of Hawaii is developing a public program and Frank Williams will be doing the address at the University of Hawaii.

Congressman LaHood called upon Dr. Bigham to present the Education Committee report ([attached](#)). Judge Turner noted that Kentucky had just held a Teachers' Workshop with Chief Justice Williams as a speaker. Dr. Bigham added that a Teachers' Workshop had been held in Evansville with Mr. Holzer as a speaker.

COMMEMORATIVE COIN

The report is [attached](#). Mr. Holzer reviewed the report at Congressman LaHood's behest. Mr. Holzer stated that the Mint wanted clarification on the view of Daniel Chester French's statue, so the focus will be on it. Dr. Bandler noted that the slogan will be on the back of the coin. Congressman LaHood asked for objections to the text, hearing none, the Commissioners agreed it is approved. Mr. Holzer added that the Communications Committee will see images of the penny in 3-4 weeks.

ENDORSEMENTS

The four education programs and the five public programs listed on the agenda and [attached](#) to this meeting's record were approved for endorsement after Congressman LaHood asked for a motion. Mr. Holzer noted that Dr. Boritt is not the organizer of the German Historical Institute's conference titled, "A Humanitarian as Broad as the World: Lincoln's Legacy in International Context." Ms. Flinspach made the motion and Dr. Horton seconded it.

FURTHER BUSINESS

Congressman LaHood asked for further business and Ms. Mackevich requested that the Commissioners provide input on an IMLS grant that the staff is submitting. Mr. Kemp, guest and co-chair of the Lincoln Cabinet, noted that a proposal has been sent to Oracle. He requested brochures on August Wilson's "Gem of the Ocean." Congressman LaHood thanked Mr. Kemp for his leadership and commitment. Mr. Kemp noted that he is thrilled to have Mr. Bill Gray as his co-chair of the Lincoln Cabinet. Dr. Bandler added her congratulations to the staff for achieving the 501(c)3 status and asked if we can now give and raise funds for the ALBC Foundation. Ms. Mackevich confirmed this and identified herself, Mrs. Rosenfeld, and Mr. Early as officers and Dr. Bandler, Mrs. Cellini, and Dr. Horton as directors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Congressman LaHood called for an executive session of the Commission and he excused the ALBC and Congressional staffers and all guests. According to procedure, no notes are taken of an executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned following the completion of the Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan L. Flinspach