

**State Board of Review Meeting  
National Register of Historic Places  
South Carolina Department of Archives and History  
State Historic Preservation Office**

*Minutes of the April 1, 2016, Meeting*

The State Board of Review meeting was held in the Wachovia room of the South Carolina Archives and History Center, 8301 Parklane Road, in Columbia, South Carolina.

**Members Present**

Mr. William L. Kinney, Jr. (Chairman), Dr. A. V. Huff, Jr., Dr. Millicent Brown, Dr. Lydia Brandt, Ms. Trudy Seibels, Dr. Andrew White, Dr. Louis Venters, Ms. Meg Gaillard

**Members Absent**

Dr. Edward Lee, Mr. Adam Emrick, Ms Amalia Leifeste.

**Call to Order**

The chairman called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Introduction of Board Members, Recognition of Retiring Board Members, and Recognition of New Board Member**

After Board Members introduced themselves, Mr. Kinney recognized two Board Members with expiring terms: Mr. Adam Emrick and Dr. Louis Venters. Mr. Kinney thanked these retiring members for their service and presented Certificates of Appreciation. Mr. Kinney then introduced the newest member of the Board, Ms. Meg Gaillard, archaeologist at the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources.

**Election of Vice-Chair**

Due to the absence of Vice-Chair Mr. Adam Emrick, and due to his term expiring after this meeting, Mr. Kinney entertained motions to nominate a new Vice-Chair. Mr. Kinney then nominated Dr. Lydia Brandt. Dr. Huff seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Dr. Lydia Brandt was elected as the new Vice-Chair.

**Approval of Minutes**

The members received the minutes of the November 20, 2015, meeting by mail (or e-mail) in the packets prior to the meeting. Dr. Huff made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Dr. Brown. The motion carried unanimously.

**Remarks**

Mr. Kinney welcomed all present.

Mr. Kinney then introduced both Dr. W. Eric Emerson, director of the Department of Archives and History and State Historic Preservation Officer, and Mrs. Elizabeth M. Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, for remarks.

Dr. Emerson commented briefly on the value of historic preservation as part of the three-fold mission of Archives and History, the other two being Archives and Records Management. He also invited all attendees and guests to tour the building after the meeting.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, gave welcoming remarks, and introduced the National Register staff present: Mr. Brad Sauls, and Dr. Ehren K. Foley. Mrs. Johnson also recognized other staff present from the State Historic Preservation Office: Mr. Dan Elswick, Mr. John Sylvest, Ms. Emily Dale, Ms. Adrienne Daggett, and graduate student assistant Ms. Casey Lee.

### **Consideration of Nominations**

Mr. Kinney reviewed the procedures, which include five steps, for considering nominations. The procedures are: presentation of nominations; comments by visitors; questions by board members; uninterrupted discussion by board members; and decision by board members.

The following nominations were considered:

1. **Gippy Plantation (Moncks Corner vicinity, Berkeley County)** was presented by Ms. Brittany V. Lavelle Tulla (consultant, BVL Historic Preservation Research), preparer of the nomination. Dr. Brown asked if the property was still privately owned and Ms. Lavelle Tulla indicated that it was. Dr. Brown if there were plans to interpret the slave dwelling on the property. Ms. Lavelle Tulla stated that she was not aware of any plans. Dr. White asked how much property was included in the nomination. Ms. Lavelle Tulla replied that it was about four acres. Dr. White suggested that there was the possibility for archaeological resources on the property primarily near the outbuildings. Mr. Kinney asked about the origin of the name Gippy. Ms. Lavelle Tulla suggested that the name may have been taken from a nearby swamp. Dr. Brandt suggested that the nomination, while appropriately recognizing the Greek Revival elements of the house, should also more explicitly recognize the significance of the early twentieth century alterations in the Colonial Revival style. Dr. Brown moved to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, with a second by Dr. Brandt. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. **Hampton Plantation (Additional Documentation, McClellanville vicinity, Charleston County)** was presented by Mr. Al Hester, Historic Sites Coordinator, and Mr. David Jones, Archaeologist, for the South Carolina State Park Service. Dr. White asked if there were any prehistoric resources identified. Stacy Young, an archaeologist who assisted the State Park Service with this project, said that there was potential for resources associated with the Mississippian period and early Native American occupation. Mr. Jones said that there are scattered sites associated with

the pre-historic period that still need further testing. Dr. Brown asked if in addition to cemetery access, was there was access to grasses for present day cultural activities such as basket-making. Mr. Hester said that the cemetery is still owned by the Rutledge family which is available for community access in perpetuity. Mr. Hester added that he was not aware of the local community accessing the park for grasses but occasionally people do collect plants for traditional medicinal purposes. Dr. Venters made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brown, for approval of the additional documentation nomination at the national and state levels of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

3. **William and Harriet Wilkins House (Greenville, Greenville County)** was presented by the preparer of the nomination, Mr. Kyle Campbell, consultant with Preservation South LLC in Anderson. Mr. Kinney asked about the future use of the property. Mr. Campbell said that the owner will use it as rental event facility and there will also be a residential unit on the first floor. Mr. Michael Bedenbaugh, Executive Director of the Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation, spoke in support of the nomination and remarked on the almost miraculous process of saving and relocating the house. Mr. Bedenbaugh added that the Trust will hold a preservation easement on the house that includes provisions to make the house accessible to the public for tours and for fundraising events for local nonprofits. Dr. Brandt asked for clarification regarding National Register eligibility for moved properties. Dr. Foley explained that moved properties may be considered eligible if the property can still be considered significant for architecture in the new location. Dr. Brandt asked how rare it was for moved properties to be listed. Mr. Sauls replied that the most recent example in South Carolina he could recall was the Bishop William Wallace Duncan House in Spartanburg which had successfully maintained its National Register listing after it was moved in 1999 [additional documentation approved by National Park Service in 2009]. Dr. Brandt stated that she thought the house was definitely eligible and recommended adding more detail to the nomination regarding the extent to which there is remaining original fabric. Dr. Venters commented that the new location appears to be a better fit for the house now after the original setting had experienced so many changes. Dr. Brandt commented how other historic properties like this one that had been adapted for funeral homes without much loss of historic fabric. Dr. Brown remarked that the community needs to know more about the story of how the property was preserved. Mr. Kinney asked about the completion date. Mr. Campbell said they hope to be finished by the end of the year. Dr. Huff made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Dr. Venters. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

4. **Tillman School (Tillman, Jasper County)** was presented by the preparer of the nomination, Ms Sarah Ward, Consultant with Ward Architecture + Preservation of Savannah, Georgia. Dr. Brandt made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Dr. White. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

5. **Carolina Life Insurance Building (Seibels-Bruce Building, Columbia, Richland County)** was presented by the preparer of the nomination, Ms. Meg Southern on behalf of Historic Columbia Foundation. Mr. Robert Lewis, attorney of

Columbia, spoke in support of the nomination. Dr. Brandt suggested that the nomination document would benefit from a more developed description of the exterior elevations as modern abstractions of traditional details. Dr. Brown asked if there were other similar buildings constructed in the state around this time or if Columbia was leading the way. Dr. Brandt listed other contemporary buildings in Columbia such as Cornell Arms and the Veterans Administration Regional Office as further examples of modern design in the city. Dr. Venters made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Dr. Brown. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

**6. Poinsett State Park Historic District (Wedgfield vicinity, Sumter County)** was presented by Mr. Al Hester, Historic Sites Coordinator for the South Carolina State Park Service. Mr. Thomas Zabo McCants III, Park Manager at Poinsett State Park, spoke in support of the nomination. Dr. Francis Marion Dwight III of Bamberg, son of the first superintendent of Poinsett State Park, spoke in support of the nomination and recalled the coquina stone used in many of the buildings. Dr. Dwight explained how the coquina stone could be cut with a saw to shape it for use in construction. Mr. Kinney asked if the coquina was found inside the park. Mr. Hester said it was quarried about a mile from the park property. Dr. Brown asked how long the park had been closed during desegregation. Mr. Hester said the park was closed for a year then reopened and integrated. Dr. Venters asked if there was any public interpretation related to African American history associated with the construction of the park. Mr. Hester said that one of the park signs briefly mentioned the roles of African Americans in building the park. Dr. Brandt made a motion to approve the nomination at the statewide level of significance, seconded by Ms. Seibels. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Kinney announced the following upcoming Review Board meeting dates:  
The summer 2016 meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 22, 2016.  
The fall 2016 meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 18, 2016.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:33 PM.