



**WISCONSIN
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**

**Meeting Minutes
WISCONSIN HISTORICAL RECORDS ADVISORY BOARD (WHRAB)
Monday, November 10, 2025
Microsoft Teams
9:00 AM**

PRESENT: Menzi Behrnd-Klodt; Anita Doering; Todd Larson; Abbie Norderhaug; Rick L. Pifer; Jane Schetter; Ken J. Wirth; Jake Riehl; Mara Rodewald | **EXCUSED:** Clayborn Benson; Jack Idlas

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – ABBIE, called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.
- 2. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 13, MARCH 18, AND JULY 8 MEETING MINUTES**
A motion to approve (made by MENZI, seconded by ANITA) carried by voice vote.
- 3. UPDATES ON THE WHRAB 2025 GRANT CYCLE**
 - a. LHHPC TABLE AND SPONSORED SESSIONS**
ABBIE and JAKE, reported that over 100 flyers were distributed at the table and the two WHRAB-sponsored sessions were highly attended.
 - b. GAA AND REIMBURSEMENT AWARD**
ABBIE, reported that the MPLA's GAA ceremony was August 20 and the LCPL's GAA ceremony will be November 24. The LHHPC Award was streamlined by Mara and WHS finance's collaboration: 28 applicants, 7 awardees, and 6 processed reimbursements. ANITA, commented appreciation for efficiency of new reimbursement process.
 - c. WISCONSIN COLLECTIONS LANDSCAPE PROJECT**
MARA, reported on survey outreach and plans to disseminate a map draft. ABBIE, JAKE, JANE, KEN and TODD, discussed the map as a community-building tool, potential annual updates, and importance of sufficient map dissemination.
- 4. DISCUSSION ON THE "WISCONSIN COLLECTIONS LANDSCAPE" WHITE PAPER**
ABBIE, ANITA, KEN, MENZI, and TODD, discussed. A motion to table further discussion until next meeting (made by ABBIE, seconded by MENZI), with an amendment that an executive summary be sent to the Board before December (made by TODD), carried by voice vote.
- 5. DISCUSSION ON THE WHRAB 2026 GRANT CYCLE**
 - a. REVIEW OF THE 2026 CALENDAR AND WORKPLAN**
ABBIE, reported that comments to grant reviewers were sent to the NHPRC on August 20. The 2026 calendar marked potential WHRAB meetings.

b. GOVERNOR'S ARCHIVES AWARDS (GAA)

i. DISCUSSION ON THE GAA CATEGORIES GOING FORWARD

ABBIE, ANITA, KEN, MENZI, RICK and TODD, discussed.

ii. APPROVAL OF GAA JUDGES SCORING SHEET

A motion to table approval of GAA judges scoring sheet until next meeting (made by MENZI, seconded by ANITA) carried by voice vote.

c. REIMBURSEMENT AWARD

i. APPROVAL OF REIMBURSEMENT AWARD JUDGES SCORING SHEET ANITA and JANE discussed. A motion to approve the Reimbursement Award judges scoring sheet (made by ABBIE, seconded by TODD) carried by voice vote.

ii. DISCUSSION ON THE APPLICATION FORM DRAFT

ABBIE and MARA reported. Changes were made based on past awardee feedback and subcommittee observations. Rachel Byington (Tribal Liaison, WHS) and Mara coordinated to include language that Native nations in today's Wisconsin are eligible for the Award. MENZI, commented on the budget section.

iii. DISCUSSION ON THE OFFERED OPPORTUNITIES GOING FORWARD ABBIE, ANITA, RICK, KEN and MENZI, discussed interest in online trainings (SAA, WLA, WiLS/Recollection WI), increasing future Reimbursement Award fund requests, and capping reimbursement amounts to support more applicants.

d. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL SESSION IDEAS FOR THE 2026 LHHPC

ABBIE, JAKE, JANE, KEN, MENZI, RICK, and TODD discussed potential presenters and PastPerfect-focused session for small organizations and archival material.

6. ADJOURNMENT – A motion to adjourn (made by JANE, seconded by MENZI) carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:08 AM.

SUMMARY: At their Q4 meeting, the WHRAB discussed 2025 and 2026 grant cycles. A motion to approve was carried for three Meeting Minutes and for the reimbursement award Judges' sheet (see items 2 and 5c). A motion to table until next meeting was carried for further discussion of the landscape white paper and approval of the GAA Judges' sheet (see items 4 and 5b). Reports were given about the WHRAB 2025 grant cycle programs and projects and the 2026 WHRAB calendar and workplan (see items 3 and 5a). The Board discussed updating the GAA and reimbursement award programs and identifying potential 2026 LHHPC presenters (see items 5b-5d).

ACTION POINT 1: By November 30, 2025, Abbie, Jake, and Mara will prepare a white paper executive summary to be sent via email to the Board (see item 4).

ACTION POINT 2: By December 31, 2025, the Board will review the white paper executive summary, white paper draft, and Landscape Survey, and email Mara what would be the most helpful information to analyze (see item 4).

ACTION POINT 3: By December 31, 2025, the Board will review the 2026 calendar and email Mara of any conflicts on days marked as potential meetings (see item 5a).

ACTION POINT 4: By next meeting, the Board will review the GAA Judges' sheet and current GAA categories and prepare notes for discussing changes (see item 5b).

Next meeting: February 9, 2026. These minutes were approved by the Board on Feb 9, 2026.
