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Field Services Alliance

Winter 2001 Retreat

Pere Marquette State Park, Grafton, Illinois

March 4-6, 2001

Attending:

- Melissa Davis, Humanities Tennessee
- Robbie Davis, South Carolina State Museum
- Terry Davis, American Association for State and Local History
- Katherine Dill, Indiana Historical Society
- Betty Fugate, Kentucky Historical Society
- Tim Glines, Minnesota Historical Society
- Julie Hale, Missouri Humanities Council
- John Harris, Indiana Historical Society
- Carol Harsh, Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibitions Service
- Lois Herr, Kansas Historical Society

- Pene Lane, Humanities Tennessee
- Tom McKay, State Historical Society of Wisconsin
- Pat Miller, Illinois Heritage Association
- Karla Nicholson, Kentucky Historical Society
- Connie Rendfeld, Indiana Historical Society
- Elizabeth Stith, Kentucky Historical Society
- Mary Turner, Illinois Association of Museums
- Andy Verhoff, Ohio Historical Society

Agenda

All times Central Standard Time

Sunday, March 4

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Arrival at Pere Marquette State Park

7:00 p.m.

Dinner at the Lodge

(Dinner courtesy of Illinois Historic Preservation Agency)

- 8:30-9:30 p.m. **Session 1: Getting Started**
- Welcome & Introductions
 - Discuss Agenda--Make any necessary adjustments
 - Agency Reports--What's new since New Orleans???
- 9:30-?? Informal discussion time

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Monday, March 5

7:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast at the Lodge (*Breakfast courtesy of Illinois Historic Preservation Agency*)

- 8:30-10:15 a.m. **Session 2: Our Current Status**
- Minutes of New Orleans Meeting
 - Review of FSA Goals and Task Lists--What did we accomplish last year?
 - The Field of Field Services--who are we and what do we do?
 - â Top Ten Characteristics of a Highly Effective FS Program
 - â Top Ten Characteristics of a Highly Effective FS Officer
- Goal:** Review lists developed by Pat Miller's committee and approve as basic documents for FSA

Monday, March 5 (cont.)

10:15-10:30 a.m. Break

- 10:30-11:30 a.m. **Session 3: Committee Work Session**
- Group A:** Develop standing rules for FSA, led by Karla Nicholson
- Group B:** Develop list of proposed materials and best practices articles for a field services manual, led by Pat Miller
- Goal:** Each committee should make brief report before lunch break and set task lists to develop before Indianapolis meeting

11:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch in Grafton

- 1:30-3:15 p.m. **Session 4: What's Going On in the Field of History?**
- AASLH Update, Terry Davis
 - MOMS Update, Carol Harsh
 - Other national initiatives?
- Discussion:** How can we help to promote the value and viability of small historical organizations and museums within our field?
- Goal:** Determine how FSA can/should advocate for the value of small organizations

3:15-3:45 p.m. Break

- 3:45-5:00 p.m. **Session 5: Taking Care of Field Services Officers, *Led by Mary Turner***
- Discussion:** How can we begin to build a resource manual/bibliography of practical and useful resources and best practices articles?
- Sharing resources: Bring with you or come prepared to talk about your favorite resource book or article
 - Stress relievers: How do you take care of yourself when the phones are ringing, the email box is full, and there are still too many items on today's "to do" list?
- Goal:** Determine how we can help each other become more effective and efficient by sharing resources
- 5:00-7:00 Dinner in Grafton
- 7:30-?? Informal discussion time

Tuesday, March 6

- 7:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast at the Lodge
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- 8:30-10:00 a.m. **Session 6: Keeping in Touch with FSA, led by John Harris**
- FS-List
 - FS "Bar room" Chats
 - FSA Webpage
- Discussion:** Use of electronic newsletters and other electronic materials for our constituents
- Goal:** Determine how FSA can continue to develop effective means of communication amongst ourselves and with our constituencies
- 10:00-10:30 a.m. Break and time for check-out
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. **Wrap-up Session: Making Plans!**
- What are our goals for the rest of 2001?
 - Assign committee members and tasks
 - Setting plans for the FSA meeting in Indianapolis in September
- Goal:** Map out FSA plans for 2001
- 11:30 a.m. On Your Way Home!