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Field Services Alliance

Goals and Task List: Updated at 2001 Winter Retreat, Grafton, Illinois

Goal I. To maintain and further develop a forum for sharing information and promoting collegiality among the Field Services professionals and other interested colleagues.

Chair: Karla Nicholson, Kentucky Historical Society

Tim Glines, Minnesota Historical Society
Carol Harsh, Museums on Main Street, Smithsonian Institution
Pat Miller, Illinois Heritage Association
Rick Read, Oregon Historical Society

Tasks:

- Plan annual meeting (Indianapolis, September 12, 2001)
- Plan annual FSA winter retreat (Myrtle Beach, February 17-19, 2002)
- Maintain standing rules for FSA
- Maintain FSA membership and address list
- Conduct mini-census of state administrators and humanities councils to determine who else is doing field services and may be interested in joining FSA; goal is to expand membership to states not currently involved
- Survey FSA members and interested colleagues to see if they are still interested in being on FSA list/FS List
- Coordinate collection of agency annual reports from each state and distribute to FSA members prior to the annual FSA meeting

Goal II. To strengthen the Field Services/American Association for State and Local History collaboration.

Chair: J. D. Britton, Ohio Historical Society

Katherine Dill, Indiana Historical Society
Debbie Kmetz, State Historical Society of Wisconsin
Pene Lane, Humanities Tennessee
John Schleicher, Nebraska Historical Society
Jo Ann Williford, North Carolina
Ex officio: Karla Nicholson, FSA chair

Tasks:

- Develop proposal for FSA-sponsored session at AASLH annual meeting
- Submit articles on FSA/field services to the AASLH Dispatch
- Maintain FSA representation on AASLH Editorial Board
- Work with AASLH program officers to explore other ways that FSA and AASLH can work together.
- Affirm that all FSA members should be members (individual or organizational) of AASLH
- Promote AASLH membership to our constituencies

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- Provide support and cooperation for AASLH's Census on History
- Follow progress of AASLH initiatives and provide FSA input/support as applicable
- Investigate other places and meetings, such as with state humanities councils, where field services staff can give presentations to promote their services.

Goal III. To develop a theory and methodology of practice for field services work.

Chair: Pat Miller, Illinois Heritage Association

Robbie Davis, South Carolina State Museum
Katherine Dill, Indiana Historical Society
Sarah Larson, Reston Historic Trust
Tom McKay, State Historical Society of Wisconsin
Andy Verhoff, Ohio Historical Society
Ex officio: Karla Nicholson, FSA chair

Tasks:

- Plan presentation on an issue pertinent to field services work for the FSA annual meeting
- Post on the FSA website two lists developed: Top Ten Characteristics of a Highly Effective Field Services Program and Top Ten Characteristics of a Highly Effective Field Services Officer
- Begin consideration of best practices and materials field services offices should have to function well

Goal IV. To continue to develop and share materials that help field services professionals do their work.

Co-chairs: Debbie Kmetz, State Historical Society of Wisconsin and Mary Turner, Illinois Association of Museums

J. D. Britton, Ohio Historical Society
Cherie Cook, Oklahoma Museums Association
Terry Davis, American Association for State and Local History
Lois Herr, Kansas Historical Society
Rick Read, Oregon Historical Society
Connie Rendfeld, Indiana Historical Society
Andy Verhoff, Ohio Historical Society
Ex officio: Karla Nicholson, FSA chair

Tasks:

- Develop a proposed subject list for possible FSA manual: each section would have an introduction, a resource section, web site information, and a bibliography
- Maintain list of technical leaflets developed and distributed by field services offices around the country to be posted on FSA website
- Create an annotated bibliography of useful resources for field services offices; the bibliography and reviews could be posted on FSA website
- Create a section of FSA website where sample forms such as job descriptions could be downloaded

Goal V. To utilize and encourage others to take advantage of emerging communication technology.

Chair: John Harris, Indiana Historical Society

Robbie Davis, South Carolina State Museum
Pene Lane, Humanities Tennessee
Rhonda Newton, Pennsylvania Federation of Museums and Historical Organizations
Ex officio: Karla Nicholson, FSA chair

Tasks:

- Maintain FS list
- Explore moving FS list to AASLH server
- Encourage FSA members to review FSA webpages on the AASLH website and make recommendations for additional information to include
- Expand documents available on the FSA website; build links to FSA agencies, technical leaflets, and historical society directories
- Encourage FSA members to send the URLs for their own field services webpages to John Harris so that John can add links from the FSA webpage to other field service webpages
- Help other FSA members communicate by creating designated areas for committee discussion
- Continue to explore new technologies that could benefit FSA and FSA members