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Minutes of the Goal 3 Committee
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Present: Corrie Cook, David Grabitske (chair), Melinda Markell, and Tom McKay. (Absent: Chuck Backus, John Harris, and Karla Nicholson (at the Goal 2 meeting))

The chair welcomed two new members to the G3C: Corrie Cook of Indiana, and Melinda Markell of Upper Midwest Conservation Association.

A review of the previous twelve months was summarized in that since the meeting in Nashville the committee produced two one-page briefs (one on what field services is generally, and one on what Field Services Alliance is), and provided a session at the annual meeting in St. Louis in September.

A brief meeting between Grabitske and McKay occurred at the Midwest Open Air Museums Coordinating Council's fall conference in Green Bay, Wisconsin last November. The two decided to push ahead by collecting mission statements for the field services offices. This was started, and only five responses were collected from Indiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, New York, and Ohio. The chair will periodically prod the rest of the list into responding so that more are available for the annual meeting in Pittsburgh.

One other item from the November sub-committee meeting was delayed until the committee could convene at winter retreat. That is to begin working on a Field Services Code of Ethics. A number of organizations have recently adopted them. After a brief discussion on whether this was warranted, the committee agreed to begin working on it with the hope of having something in place for the FSA to discuss in Pittsburgh. Among the items proposed as subjects to be covered in this document were: Confidentiality, Expected level of respect for local groups, Work for outcomes rather give judgment (sometimes goals are beyond an organization), and that local partners are after all local.

Lastly, the committee pondered potential practical programs in Pittsburgh. Last year's program was on workshop exercises, and three were demonstrated by Grabitske, Harris, and McKay. The committee decided on doing a case study on how consultations are done, and chose the topic of advising a local organization on the benefits and pitfalls of adaptively

reusing an existing or historic building. The chair volunteered his supervisor, Tim Glines, to lead the study with an example from the North Star State, and then to moderate any ensuing discussion generally from the group. The chair will request of the FSA Chair time at the annual meeting for this program.

Respectfully submitted,
David Grabitske, chair