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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PACSCL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Monday, June 7, 2004, 3:00 p.m., The Historical Society of Pennsylvania**

Present: *V. Chapman-Smith, Derick Dreher, Janet Evans, David Moltke-Hansen, Edward Morman, Michael Ryan.*

Absent: *Gary Kulik, William Lang, Eric Pumroy, Terry Snyder.*

David Moltke-Hansen called the meeting to order.

Minutes. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the May 12, 2004 meeting were approved as circulated.

New Members. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Executive Committee endorsed the membership applications of LaSalle University and the City of Philadelphia.

Report on visit to The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. David Moltke-Hansen expanded on his written report, commenting that Mellon was interested in the assessment project because it was a discrete effort that would be of value to PACSCL and the community of scholars even if PACSCL were not able to sustain its current activity level. Mellon also encouraged the team to submit prospectuses for planning grants for the GIS and OA initiatives. Regarding the latter, Mellon had no difficulty with PACSCL's strategy to keep the OA and the Z39.50 searching separate. Prospectuses for all three initiatives are in process.

2004-05 Officers and Committee Structure. It was agreed that Laura Blanchard would invite the newer member representatives to make a committee selection for themselves and would also encourage them to appoint other staff members to committees. David Moltke-Hansen asked Michael Ryan to chair the development committee, an assignment he accepted. In reviewing the slate of officers it was noted that PACSCL lacks a secretary. It was agreed that the at-large slot vacated by Michael Ryan's appointment as development committee chair would be offered to Robert Kieft, who would also be invited to serve as secretary.

Outreach. V. Chapman-Smith reported on planning to bring this initiative back to Philadelphia. In addition to the student contest, the effort involves year-round support for K-12 history teachers. There was general agreement that the Executive Committee will recommend to the full board that PACSCL support the National History Day project and publicize it to member library constituencies. To that end, PACSCL will assist with a survey to the cultural community asking

about relevant offerings, and to the community of history teachers, asking what they've done that might be applicable. The National Constitution Center has offered itself as a potential venue. V. will make additional information available to the full Board at Wednesday's quarterly meeting.

Derick Dreher reported on Robert Kieft's pursuit of opportunities to publicize PACSCL and its member libraries during the Modern Language Association meeting in Philadelphia December 26-31. These opportunities might include exhibition space, tours, some publicity at Philadelphia-related sessions, and links from the conference website.

William Penn Foundation approach. David Moltke-Hansen presented a draft of a letter to be sent to Olive Mosier, William Penn Foundation, introducing the Greater Philadelphia Research Collections Network and asking for support for three areas: OPAC/Z39.50, cultural institutions records management, and endowment. He invited committee members to share comments.

National Endowment for the Humanities. David Moltke-Hansen reported on a conversation he had had with the director of the We the People program, who indicated that there has never been so propitious a time for Philadelphia institutions to apply for funding relating to the traditional history of the colonies, the Revolution and the early republic. David Moltke-Hansen suggests that a PACSCL delegation go to Washington in August.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Blanchard for the Secretary