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**America 250 | CT Commission
Governance Subcommittee Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom
Minutes**

Attendees

Subcommittee
Arienne Orozco
Deborah Schander
Jason Mancini
Melvette Hill
Michael Werner
Megan Baker

CTH Staff
Rachel Gonzalez

The meeting started at 3:31 p.m.

1. Minutes Approval
 - a. [January 13, 2025](#)
 - b. Motion to approve: J. Mancini; Second: D. Schander
 - i. Yes: 6, Abstain: 0, No: 0
2. Update on Annual Report Distribution

R. Gonzalez shared that the annual report has been submitted to the governor and shared with all CT legislators.
3. Affiliate Program

Eight affiliate applications were submitted this month. A. Orozco noted that there were no applications flagged by CT Humanities staff or subcommittee members. All 8 applications were unanimously approved by the subcommittee.
R. Gonzalez shared that CTH staff has compiled all recommendations for additional from commission members and will be working on outreach in the coming months.

 - a. Discussion on any flagged applications [None for February]
 - i. [Application Review Form](#)
 - ii. [Application Cover Sheets](#)
 - iii. [Full Applications](#)
 - b. Vote on applications
4. Other Business as Needed

The NASS conference for Secretaries of the State was attended by A. Orozco and SOTS Stephanie Thomas. A. Orozco shared some updates on the 250th and civics work that is being done nationwide, including at the National Archives.

Registration for the commission's conference is now open.

J. Mancini shared some basic information about the White House Task Force on the 250th and its potential impact on the commission's work - not much is known about this so it's hard to say at this stage. The executive order freezing grant funding may impact CTH via the National Endowment for the Humanities, but there is also little information about that at this stage.

The meeting ended at 3:46 p.m.

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