



**Commission on the Commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution  
2018 Annual Report**

In July 2013, the Commission on the Commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution was authorized by Chapter 603, Acts of 2013; Code State Government Article, sec. 9-3001. In compliance with the law, the Commission presents the following annual report of its progress and activities for 2018.

Major General Linda L. Singh, Adjutant General of Maryland, serves as both the Governor's designee and the Chair of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Commission. There were a few changes in representation over the course of 2018 to report. After the retirement of Nancy Kurtz on July 1, Ms. Elizabeth Hughes became the representative to the Commission for the Maryland Historical Trust. In addition, A. Diane Williams retired from the Maryland Commission on Women and, in her place, Dr. Marylou Yam was named to represent that body on the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Commission. Also, Dr. Patricia Anderson retired and Ms. Katie Caljean was named to represent the Maryland Historical Society. There is still a vacancy for the representative of the Democratic Party Women's Diversity Leadership Council and the Commission is awaiting a new appointment for this position. A current membership roster of the Commission is attached to this report.

Under the Chair, the Commission continued holding monthly public meetings throughout 2018. The Commissioners have used these meetings to welcome new Commission members, to discuss goals and action plans, include new stakeholders and to organize culminating projects. In 2018, the Commission held eleven open public meetings and one public event; the approved minutes of the 2018 meetings are attached. Minutes still going through the approval process at the time of this reporting will be included in the 2019 report.

In January 2018, the Commission received some very positive attention. The members were publicly recognized on the Senate floor by President Mike Miller and Senator Kathy Klausmeier and the significance of the upcoming 2020 anniversary of women's suffrage was noted in the

record. In February, the Chair was interviewed on Maryland Public Television State Circle ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=765&v=w5IUAWm2Mus](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=765&v=w5IUAWm2Mus)), and also narrated a video piece for the National Guard channel about the importance of the upcoming anniversary ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=62&v=jXG4c3R-idk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=62&v=jXG4c3R-idk)). These pieces are available on YouTube as well as linked off of the Commission's website at: <https://msa.maryland.gov/mdvotesforwomen/>.

This year the Commission also celebrated its second historic marker placement to commemorate women's suffrage in the state of Maryland. The marker was placed by the Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland State Highway Administration in Hyattsville at US 1/ Rhode Island Avenue at 41st Place, in front of Melrose Park and along the Northwest Branch Trail in collaboration with the Commission. The text of the marker is below:

*SUFFRAGE MOTORCADE*

*ON JULY 31, 1913, "COURIERS TO CONGRESS" FROM ACROSS THE NATION CONVERGED AT THE NEARBY HYATTSVILLE BASEBALL PARK, CARRYING 75,000 SIGNATURES DEMANDING IMMEDIATE ACTION ON A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ENFRANCHISING WOMEN. HYATTSVILLE RESIDENTS WARMLY WELCOMED THE ARRIVING DELEGATIONS. AFTER THE BALLPARK RALLY, THE COURIERS PARADED IN 60 AUTOMOBILES TO THE U.S. CAPITOL TO DELIVER THE PETITIONS TO THE SENATE. SEVEN YEARS PASSED BEFORE THE 19<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT GRANTED WOMEN THE RIGHT TO THE VOTE IN 1920.*

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MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION*

The marker unveiling ceremony hosted by the Commission and the City of Hyattsville was held on March 3, 2018 in recognition of Women's History Month and International Women's Day (March 8<sup>th</sup>).

A photo of the event is included below:



Girl Scout Troop #6899 led the assembled guests in the pledge of allegiance, and speakers at the event included: Chair Major General Singh; Rev. Dr. Yvonne Wallace-Penn, First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville; The Honorable Candace B. Hollingsworth, Mayor of Hyattsville; The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky, Senator, District 22, Prince George’s County; The Honorable Tawanna P. Gaines, Delegate, District 22, Prince George’s County; The Honorable Anne Healey, Delegate, District 22, Prince George’s County; The Honorable Alonzo T. Washington, Delegate, District 22, Prince George’s County; The Honorable Katherine A. Klausmeier, Senator, District 8, Baltimore County, and Commission Member; Kacy Rohn, Intern, Maryland Historical Trust. Commission members in attendance wore sashes with colors representing the suffrage movement in the United States: purple, gold and white.

In 2019-2020, the Commission plans to place three additional markers throughout Maryland. The first will be in Spring 2019 in Westminster, Maryland recognizing the Just Government League. The text for this marker has been finalized and approved and the marker is currently being fabricated and produced collaboratively by the Maryland Historical Trust and the State Highway Administration with a completion date in January 2019. The text is as follows:

*JUST GOVERNMENT LEAGUE*

*ESTABLISHED IN 1909, BECAME THE LARGEST ORGANIZATION IN MARYLAND ADVOCATING FOR WOMEN’S SUFFRAGE. LOCAL CHAPTERS WERE FOUNDED THROUGHOUT THE STATE, INCLUDING IN WESTMINSTER IN 1913. BY 1915 STATEWIDE MEMBERSHIP NUMBERED 17,000. THE LEAGUE’S CAMPAIGN CENTERED ON PUBLIC EDUCATION TO AFFIRM THE SOCIAL BENEFITS OF VOTES FOR WOMEN. AFTER CONGRESS PASSED THE 19<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT IN 1920, THE LEAGUE TURNED ITS FOCUS TO WOMEN’S CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS, AND WON THE RIGHT FOR WOMEN TO HOLD PUBLIC OFFICE IN MARYLAND IN 1922.*

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The last two state markers will be placed later in 2019 and 2020. These will be placed in Garrett County to commemorate the 1914 Suffrage Hike in Oakland and St. Mary's City to mark the Margaret Brent pilgrimage in June 1915. The text for these markers is being drafted at this time. The Commission also has the opportunity to potentially place some additional historic markers outside of the state's official program through a grant to the Women's Heritage Center from the William Pomeroy Foundation. More details about this potential collaboration will be forthcoming in 2019.

This year the Commission also designed and approved a logo to represent the group on future publications, announcements and events. A copy of which is included below:



In December 2018, the Commission in collaboration with the Maryland State Archives, released an educational packet online that contains images of primary source documents detailing the Maryland story of suffrage. Along with the digital copies of historic records, this document packet includes the listing of the relevant curriculum standards including US History Content Standards, Maryland State Social Studies Content Standards and Maryland State Common Core Social Studies Reading Standards that teachers need to incorporate this material into their lesson plans. The document packet is intended for teachers to use in the classroom to provide the Maryland context for the larger issue of women's suffrage across the nation. It covers from Margaret Brent requesting a vote in the Maryland assembly in 1648 through the state's own ratification in 1941. This document packet can be found online at the Maryland State Archives Education web page (<http://teaching.msa.maryland.gov/>), as well as on the Commission's web page (<https://msa.maryland.gov/mdvotesforwomen/>). The Commission members believe that this educational packet will not only be of benefit to teachers, but also will be an important resource for students entering the Commission's creative contest outlined below.

In December, the Commission in partnership with the Maryland Historical Society announced a creative contest for Maryland high school students that will occur in 2019. The "Women's Right to Vote 100th Anniversary Celebration Creative Contest" will launch officially in January 2019 with all work due in October. Student participants can enter essays, flat artwork, three dimensional artwork, graphic/digital art, and video submissions. The artwork should best exemplify how the student can learn from suffragists past, can become a guardian of women's

rights in the present, and can perpetuate the rights of women in the future. Winners of the creative contest will be selected by a juried panel and honored in the General Assembly during Women's History Month in March 2020. The works will be displayed around the Annapolis state complex.

Finally, there are plans underway for a culminating celebratory public event in 2020. These plans will be finalized and announced in 2019.

The Commissioners are confident that their progress to date, as it moves toward the 2020 centennial anniversary, and their common vision moving forward are consistent with the founding legislation and respectfully submit this report for your review and approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Singh', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Major General Linda L. Singh  
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## **2018 MINUTES**

### **Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution**

**(Beginning with December 2017 minutes that were not included in the 2017 annual report.)  
Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the  
19th Amendment of the United States Constitution**

**Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, December, 19 2017  
10:00am - 11:00am  
Fifth Regiment Armory**

Minutes

Attendees: COL Janeen Birckhead representing MG Singh, Jennifer Hafner Abbott representing Emily Oland Squires, Diana Bailey, Sen. Katherine Klausmeier, Nancy Kurtz, Roberta Sharper, Ruth Umbel, Diane Williams, Del. Susan McComas, Lee Bachu and Catherine Kelly.

Meeting called to order at 10:03am by COL Janeen Birckhead

There were no changes or concerns with the minutes of the last meeting.

#### II. Committees reports

1. Historic Sites and Research: Chair Nancy Kurtz, Diana Bailey, Emily Oland Squires, Sen. Katherine Klausmeier, and Pat Anderson

Nancy Kurtz reported for the Historic Sites and Research Committee. There has been no meeting of the committee to date, but now that the historic marker has been ordered and the historic sites story map is complete she would like to convene one to discuss future projects and how best to move forward.

Nancy has sent around the historic sites story map and blog written by her intern, Kacy Rohn. MHT is working on a landing page on their website for the story map which everyone can link to. It may be finished as early as the end of this week. Discussion then moved into how best to publicize this project once the landing page is completed. The Marketing Committee will work on this. Diane Williams offered to work on this and draft a press release. The Military

Department will check with the ethics commission regarding any guidelines about sharing this type of information on public pages and such for elected officials and the like.

MG Singh has reached out to the mayor of Hyattsville regarding the historic marker and unveiling event. They are also planning to incorporate the elected officials of that district (legislative district 22). Her office will follow up with Nancy Kurtz once an agreement is done and the date is confirmed. Nancy said that the marker has been ordered and that she will follow up with manufacturer to make sure everything is proceeded on time. Saturday, March 3, 2018, is the date being targeted for the unveiling. Monday, March 26, 2018, is another date being considered.

Nancy also reported that MHT is working with Preservation Maryland on a grant. While things are still being hammered out, the plan is to use the data that Kacy Rohn has compiled to put forth nominations for that National Register of Historic Places for those sites that are not already on it. As soon as there is an announcement about it she will share it with the Commission.

## 2. Marketing, Advertising, and Tourism: Co-Chairs Liz Fitzsimmons and Cindy Miller

There was no one to report for the Marketing, Advertising, and Tourism Committee, however, it was mentioned that MPT confirmed that they are interested in supporting the marker event.

The Military Department reported that they have come up with some designs for a logo but it likely will not be finalized until sometime in January. Once finalized they will be sent out for feedback and discussion.

## 3. Events: Co-Chairs Liz Fitzsimmons and Cindy Miller, Diana Bailey, Roberta Sharper

While no report was given for the committee, there was a discussion of the March 2018 marker event.. Commissioners were asked to think about what type of program they would want, such as speakers, and how best to make this a successful event. There is also a need to get the press involved, as they were not at the 2014 event in Overlea.

There is concern that there is no building in walking distance to use as a gathering point and activities. There is also very little parking at the marker site itself. Nancy is going to talk to SHA about logistical possibilities and the likelihood of using the county road adjacent to the park for parking. The site is on US 1, so there may be a negative reaction to closing it down for even a short time for this event. It may be necessary to borrow a tent as well.

## 4. Coordination and Communication - Chair Diane Williams

Diane Williams sent an email out to all of the local Commissions for Women on November 28, 2017 about supporting and sharing the work of this Commission and received favorable responses from all.

### III. Financials

Regarding fundraising/funds; there is no final answer, but it is on the Chair's radar.

### IV. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

i.) Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 8:30am, Maryland State Archives

Presentation by MHT intern, Kacy Rohn

ii.) Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 10:00am

iii.) Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 10:00am

There was discussion about the times and locations of the February and March meetings to accommodate the legislative session. The decision was made to leave them as 10am and at the Armory for now, and if legislators can participate in person or by teleconference they will.

### V. New Business

Sen. Klausmeier mentioned that she recently read a book by Sue Monk Kidd which highlighted the Grimke sisters, who were involved in the abolition and women's rights movements. The book had a bibliography of sources of these topics, which she will share. She thinks it will be worthwhile to highlight sources like this. Nancy Kurtz will share Kacy Rohn's bibliography as well. The senator brought up the idea of having presentations by authors, like Ms. Kidd. Diana Bailey mentioned Wild Women of Maryland, and she knows that the author has given free book talks in the past based on her book and research.

The Military Department will be sending out a planning worksheet template for event organization.

The use of Google Drive for sharing documents more easily was proposed. Some commissioners are familiar with using it, while others are not. There is also a concern of free storage capacity for some. A request for directions for those unfamiliar was made, and there is the possibility of having a demonstration at January's meeting if it is decided to go with this tool.

Diana Bailey mentioned that the National Women's History Project will be in Washington, DC on March 24, 2018. She will share the information about the event.

For those members who would like to preview the marker site, Nancy Kurtz is willing to coordinate a meeting in Hyattsville with interested parties. Diane Williams would like to participate.

Having no further business to address the meeting was adjourned at 10:51am.

## **Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment of the United States Constitution**

### **Commission Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 16, 2018**

**8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**

**Maryland State Archives**

### Minutes

Attendees: Commission Members – Chair, Major General Linda Singh, Diana Bailey, Senator Katherine A. Klausmeier, Rosemary Ligsay for Senator Cheryl C. Kagan, Nancy Kurtz, Cynthia Miller, Emily Oland Squires, Roberta Sharper, and Diane Williams.

Guests: Jennifer Abbott (MSA), COL Janeen Birckhead (Military Department), Catherine Kelly (Military Department), Elizabeth Newell (MSA), Kacy Rohn (MHT), and Pamela Young (MWHC).

### I) Greetings and Introductions

The Commission meeting was called to order by Major General Singh at 8:33 a.m. She asked that the meeting participants and guests introduce themselves. The Chair updated the members on progress made towards creating a Commission logo. She stated that the goal is to unveil a completed and approved logo for the upcoming March 3rd event. She wants to have time to come up with a logo that both shows an understanding of history and looks toward the future resonating with all age groups.

### II) Update on March 3rd event

The date and time for the unveiling of the new historic marker in Hyattsville, Maryland is Saturday, March 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners are expected to be at the event no later than

9:30.a.m. Commissioner McComas offered to announce the event at the Women's Caucus meeting on January 17th.

The Chair and staff visited the Mayor of Hyattsville. The town is very excited and is looking forward to participating in this event. They are willing to contribute to the planning and support of the event, including helping with shuttle service due to limited parking and possibly tents and refreshments. The event goal is for 100 attendees. The Chair's office is working closely with the Mayor's office and is planning another site visit in the very near future. This visit will include Commissioner Kurtz, Commissioner Williams and Ms. Miller (representing Commissioner Fitzsimmons) to further plan the marker placement and event.

The Chair noted that the proposed press release from the Communications Chair, Commissioner Williams, is being worked and must be approved through the Governor's office as well as the Hyattsville Mayor's office. This is in progress.

A hand-out (attached) was circulated with a draft working outline of a possible program.

III) Presentation by Ms. Kacy Rohn, Maryland Historical Trust Intern:  
We are in Revolution: The Maryland Women's Suffrage Movement  
(Slides are attached)

IV) Adjourn - The Commission meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m., and Commissioners reconvened in the Senate Gallery at the State House where they were recognized from the floor by Commissioner Senator Klausmeier. After the legislative recognition, the Commissioners met again to discuss the Hyattsville event in further detail. The following action items were decided:

There will be no Save the Date issued, only an invitation.

Commissioner Oland Squires will create a contact list of e-mail addresses in a Microsoft XLS spreadsheet for: Members of the Maryland General Assembly, Cabinet Secretaries, Governor's Office, Office of the First Lady, Prince George's County Executive, and federal representatives which she will deliver to the Chair's office where it will be combined with the list provided by Hyattsville.

The invitation and its distribution will be coordinated between the Chair's office and Commissioner Williams. Once the invitation is created and e-mailed out to the contact list, commissioners can feel free to circulate further using their own lists.

Commissioner Oland Squires will serve as the RSVP point of contact. RSVPs are only needed for the guest list invitations.

Commissioner Kurtz will coordinate with the State Highway Administration on specific marker placement. Commissioner Bailey and Commissioner Williams will look into acquiring purple, yellow and white sashes for the Commissioners to wear at the event.

Ms. Miller will coordinate the program for the event, and the possibility of creating printed programs once the schedule for the day is set.

The Chair will look into acquiring a backdrop to use as a drape to cover the sign on the morning of March 3rd for the official unveiling.

The Chair's office will work on getting a photographer for the event.

Ms. Miller is working with Maryland Public Television to cover the event.

The next meeting will be held on February 20th at 10:00 a.m. at the Fifth Regiment Armory with a call in number provided for teleconference.

## **Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment of the United States Constitution**

### **Commission Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 20, 2018**

**10:00am - 11:00am**

**Fifth Regiment Armory**

Minutes

Attendees: COL Janeen Birckhead (representing MG Linda Singh), Catherine Kelly, Jane McCoy (representing Delegate Kelly), Cindy Miller (representing Liz Fitzsimmons), Roberta Sharper, Emily Oland Squires, A. Diane Williams, Pamela Young (representing Diana Bailey)

Meeting called to order at 10:05am by COL Birckhead.

There were no changes or concerns reported with the minutes of the last meeting.

Sashes for March Event

There was no report available from Commissioner Bailey regarding the purchase of the purple sashes. Commissioner Williams stated that it was her understanding that the vendor was not able to make the deadline for the March 3 event. Ms. Young, who was representing Commissioner

Bailey will contact her to follow up on the status of the order, cost and delivery. Is another vendor possible and a rush order? Ms. Young will get back to Catherine Kelly later today with an update.

#### March Event Update

Catherine Kelly reported on the progress as of the February 1st planning meeting. At that meeting, the location and positioning for the historic marker was selected and finalized with State Highway Administration (SHA) staff. SHA will install the marker prior to the event and place a black Velcro material over to cover it. MG Singh is providing a drape for the event to cover the marker.

Commissioner Miller reviewed the program as it stands. Miller will MC the event and will welcome guests. There will be an invocation by minister of the United Methodist church in Hyattsville. MG Singh will introduce the Commissioners and share the purpose of the Commission. The Mayor will then speak. Other elected officials are invited to make remarks; they will be followed by Ms. Kacy Rohn, who conducted research during her internship with the Maryland Historical Trust, will give a brief historical perspective on the event that the marker is commemorating. The program will all take place in the tent, then guests will walk to the marker for unveiling and photo ops. The City of Hyattsville is funding the tent and chair rental, the DJ and the costs for refreshments. Miller needs a bio on MG Singh for introduction. Catherine Kelly will confirm what others want to speak. Governor, Lt. Governor and the First Lady are not able to participate due to previous engagements.

The event media advisory was finalized and sent to appropriate outlets and it will be shared with Commissioners. Our partners in Hyattsville want a prospective number of attendees for catering purposes. RSVP deadline is February 28th; Commissioner Oland Squires will regroup with Military Department staff after that date to see if we need to reach out to anyone individually to confirm attendance. Other general public invitations have been sent out in bulk by the Maryland Women's Commission and the Women's Heritage Center. The general invitation is also posted on the Commission website. There will need to be a guestimate made for the number of attendees for food service.

Creation of a logo is still in progress. If it is completed, it can be also unveiled at the event but it may not be ready. Ms. Rohn will provide a historic image or two of the event that can be projected on the stage. The stage will also be set up with flags by City. The pledge of allegiance will be said during the program, and perhaps led by a young person identified by the Mayor's office (i.e. recognize an outstanding student from the area). Music will be provided by a DJ. The program will be discussed further by the event group this Friday. Deadline for final program early next week. The program will follow traditional protocol standards.

Commissioner Oland Squires will ask for RSVPs from the Commissioners and she will also remind them that they are due to the event by 9:30am. They should park in the auxiliary lot and take the shuttle, therefore, they will need to arrive on site by 9:00am in order to be on time at the tent.

Commissioners should start thinking about the next event and bring ideas to the April meeting to discuss. Feel free to circulate any thoughts via email before the meeting that you want feedback on prior to April.

#### Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- i.) Saturday, March 3, 2018 Marker Unveiling in Hyattsville, 9:30am arrival
- ii.) No regular Commission Meeting in March
- iii.) Next Commission meeting will be held on April 17, at 10:00am at the Fifth Regiment Armory, attendance options include in person and by phone.

The meeting adjourned at 10:33am.

**(March meeting was the Historic Marker Unveiling Event in Hyattstown.)**

### **Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment of the United States Constitution**

**Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, April 17, 2018  
10:00am - 11:00am  
Fifth Regiment Armory**

#### Minutes

Attendees: COL Janeen Birckhead (representing MG Linda Singh), Diana Bailey, Catherine Donnelly (representing Sen. Kagan), Sen. Klausemier, Nancy Kurtz, Diettra Lucas, Cynthia Miller, Emily Oland Squires, Roberta Sharper, and Catherine Kelly

The meeting was called to order at 10:07am by COL Birckhead.

Discussion of March 3, 2018 Marker Unveiling Event

Commissioner Kurtz stated that having seen many similar events, this marker event was above and beyond and a wonderful success. Catherine Kelly shared another thank you to the City of Hyattsville and the Mayor's office which provided many resources and was very accommodating; making the event a success. Commissioner Oland Squires shared that she appreciated bringing the girl scouts into the ceremony to represent the women of the future. The only negative shared about the event was the cold weather of March that hampered the enjoyment of the event.

Timeline for future events:

Markers -

Additional markers can be placed in future in another geographic area following this model. Commissioner Kurtz will bring more suggestions about possible marker locations and text to the next meeting. The March 3rd event took at least 8 weeks minimum for planning, and we need to secure resources which in this case were predominantly provided by the City of Hyattsville. It can also take 12 weeks for the marker itself to be cast after the text is drafted and approved. Therefore, the Commission needs a good 3 months planning period minimum for the next marker. If the Commission can decide on the next marker at the May meeting, perhaps we could target September of 2018 for the next event. For 2019, we could line the up additional markers for placement in spring and fall of the year (May/September). March is a good time for programming due to Women's History Month, but the weather is much worse and can impact outdoor plans. We may be able to target Baltimore City as a region for a marker, but the Commission could need to pay for this marker because state will only pay for ones on state property. The timeline for the work being done on the war monument at the Fifth Regiment Armory was discussed. A question was raised regarding a potential event incorporated with that project.

Essay/Art Contest in 2019 -

Sen. Klausmeier indicated that she can present the winners of any essay or art contest with a resolution on the Senate Floor. If awards are made in the spring, then recognition by the legislature will be made in following legislative session.

Essay

Commissioner Anderson will circle back with Maryland Historical Society staff about the programming for a possible essay contest. MDHS used to run a college essay contest, so they have experience. Star Spangled Banner House recently had one about Mary Pickersgill which could be used as a model. Dr. Anderson will take the lead on essay contest for the Commission, put out a call for papers when students head back to school in fall. Early 2019 judge papers, and

then recognize winner in March. The contest can have different categories and levels for elementary, middle, high school, and college.

#### Arts

Cindy Miller, representing Commissioner Liz Fitzsimmons of the Office of Tourism will work with the Maryland Arts Council to see if they might take the lead on an arts contest. There was a suggestion that the arts council contest could be awarded later in 2019 and create a touring exhibit throughout the state of the winners. Ms. Miller will report her findings at the next meeting.

#### Additional Programming Ideas Statewide -

##### Education

Commissioner Oland Squires stated that the Maryland State Archives is creating a Documents for the Classroom packet related to Maryland's suffrage story which will incorporate primary sources that teachers and students can use to study this topic. It can also incorporate the work of the Maryland Historical Trust and Kacy Rohn (with credit, of course) on the Maryland suffrage timeline and important locations throughout the state. These primary resources will work with Document Based Questioning methods that are required as part of the Common Core curriculum used in the school system. The goal is to have this document packet published online by the end of the calendar year, so that it can be used in both the 2019 and 2020 school years and beyond.

Commissioner Bailey shared that the Maryland Women's Heritage Center presents an award at Maryland History Day sponsored by a board member and can make this theme for 2019 Women's Suffrage for the award to promote the student knowledge on this topic. Commissioner Bailey will reach out to Judy Dobbs at Maryland Humanities Council.

Commissioner Bailey has also been in touch with Katie Cowsee at the Maryland Historical Society and also members of the Baltimore Historical Society who are offering space for a suffrage event in Baltimore City. The Commission could cooperatively host programming at these locations.

Commissioner Bailey noted that scholar Diane Weaver is presenting a suffrage event in Western Maryland which will be filmed by Hagerstown Community College and Frostburg that could also be shared with us.

Commissioner Bailey will report at our next meeting on what activities this Commission may be able to coordinate with the District of Columbia organizations/commissions.

Culminating Event 2020

A sub-group in the Military Department have gotten together with the Chair to discuss potential ideas for a final culminating event. The initial discussion has been a large scale/large budget event that could be scaled back to match available resources.

The “money is not object” event was discussed as a multi-day event hosted somewhere in Annapolis or National Harbor. The kick-off event could be a VIP reception on a Thursday night. The potential Friday event would be a day of speakers and workshops on Women’s suffrage and empowerment, history, business and innovation, international connections and entrepreneurship. The Commission will be looking at potential speakers including possibly engaging local TV news anchors and print journalists to moderate panels. The keynote would perhaps be a celebrity speaker with connections to the area such as Kimmy Messner or Oprah Winfrey. The final day, Saturday, could have a family event, such as a 5k/10k/fun run with food trucks and a family celebration atmosphere.

This event could be scaled up or back depending on available resources. It could be one day. The location could be moved from a hotel to a college campus. It was mentioned that perhaps the Commission could look to the Women of the World Event as a model or a partner. To plan a successful event, projected costs and speakers need to be identified.

The Military Department will send out an outline for Commissioners to pick what part of the culminating event they will assist with and provide a cost analysis of that part of the event. By the end of July 2018, we need a plan in place to try to go out and source sponsors and funding, etc.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, May 15 at 10am at the Maryland State Archives in Annapolis and a call in number will be circulated beforehand as well.

Having no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56am.

**Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment of the United States Constitution**

**Commission Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 20, 2018**

**10:00am - 11:00am**

**Fifth Regiment Armory**

Minutes

Attendees: Chair MG Linda Singh, COL Janeen Birkhead, Jennifer Alston, Pat Anderson, Diana Bailey, Elise Dent, Chantal Fogarty, Analiza Harry, Catherine Kelly, Sen. Klauser, Nancy Kurtz, Latisha Lewis, Diettra Lucas, Emily Oland Squires

Meeting called to order at 10:03am by MG Singh.

Timeline for future events:

Markers -

Commissioner Kurtz reported that she has identified 3 potential markers for placement by the Maryland Historical Trust and the State Highway Administration. The general, projected timeline for these 3 markers are Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, but the details will need to be worked out.

1) Westminster - Main Street (4 sites)

While Main Street is not a state maintained road, Commissioner Kurtz discussed possible placement at the Historical Society. Commissioner Oland Squires asked if possibly the campus of McDaniel College might be a proper site for the marker. The campus runs along Main Street and the school was the first co-educational college south of the Mason Dixon Line.

2) Garrett County - Oakland

Commemorating suffrage hike

3) St. Mary's City - Margaret Brent Pilgrimage

Commissioner Bailey mentioned that the William Pomeroy Foundation has selected Maryland as one of ten states to receive a marker as part of their program

(<http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/research-collections/state-history/news/william-g-pomeroy-foundation-announces-new-series-historic>). This may give us the opportunity to create and place a marker somewhere that is not on a state road/property. Baltimore City would be a good place to consider when more details are known.

Essay/Art Contest in 2019 -

Ms. Kelly noted that there may be an opportunity to apply for funding that would give scholarship prize money for the winners of these contests through a grant from the Verizon Foundation. In addition, Commissioners discussed the possibility of awarding community service hours toward graduation credit to high school students entering the art and essay contests. Finally, offering the opportunity for contest winners to shadow Commissioners and/or to intern and have lunch with the Adjutant General was also discussed.

For both contests, it was suggested that the guidelines, timeline, judging criteria be drafted for the next meeting to review. The goal is to distribute the finalized contest announcements to the school systems statewide by late September. Volunteer judging panels would need to be solicited, as we decided against a public vote on winners. The deadline for participation would

be December 31, 2018. Judges would be given a scoring rubric based on the context criteria. Prizes would be awarded in the Spring of 2019, and winners could be acknowledged during the 2019 legislative session on the floor of both the Senate and the House. The winners can also be featured on the Commission website. Perhaps winning entries could be displayed in the State House or Miller Senate Office Building or featured at the 2020 culminating event as part of the youth programming.

### Essay

Commissioner Anderson reported that the Maryland Historical Society is interested in leading the essay contest on behalf of the Commission. She will coordinate with the MDHS education staff with a contest directed toward high school student participation. The essay contest needs to have a narrow theme and perhaps ask a specific question or set of questions. Ms. Harry suggested the following questions based on a Past, Present and Future theme:

- 1) What does the foundation set by the 100 years of women's suffrage movement mean to you?
- 2) What are you doing to build on this foundation today?
- 3) Where do you see the movement going and how can you contribute in the future?

CPT Dent will work with Dr. Anderson on the essay contest and will help establish the submission criteria (including word limit, font size, spacing, citation format, etc.) and judging guidelines.

### Art

Commissioner Miller spoke to the Maryland State Arts Council about partnering on the art contest. She reported in absentia that the Council responded positively and thought that we had a good amount of lead time for the contest. The Council agreed with the Commission's timeline to announce the contest in late September at the start of the school year. Commissioner Miller shared a guide from the Council on how to run arts contests, however, it was more geared toward the commissioning of professional artists rather than students. The Commission will need to establish its own criteria.

### Education -

Commissioner Oland Squires stated that the Maryland State Archives is in the production phase of the Documents for the Classroom packet related to Maryland's suffrage story. This teaching tool will incorporate primary sources for educators and students. The goal was to have this document packet published online by the end of the calendar year, so that it can be used in both the 2019 and 2020 school years and beyond. However, Commissioner Oland Squires will try to have it complete in late September, if possible, so that it can be circulated to the schools with the essay and art contest announcements. Students may want to use the primary sources in creating their contest submissions.

## Culminating Event 2020

MG Singh stated that the target date for the culminating event would be Friday, March 8, 2020 in conjunction with the celebration of International Women's Day and Women's History Month. The theme of the culminating event would be to honor women of today, the powerhouses in key positions throughout the state.

All Commissioners should have received an outline of prospective activities for this multi-day event. In order to begin planning the event, and to seek resources, the Commission needs to begin by putting together a proposed estimated budget and securing partners. Our partnerships should reach out across all fields of women's past, present and future.

Toward those goals, each Commissioner has two action items to complete prior to the next meeting on June 19th.

- 1) Each Commissioner should create a proposal with an estimated budget for the aspect of the culminating event they would like to help lead. Please select your area of interest from the attached outline and write a brief description of the activity and an estimated budget.
- 2) Each Commissioner should draft a list of potential partners with full contact information. These are to be individuals that the Commission would like to partner with in the 2020 culminating event. We will be planning a women's leadership tea to get people excited to participate in and support the Commission and the final, multi-day event. We want to hold the tea to promote the event and get partners in all sectors including, but not limited to education, business, government, non-profit, technology, corporate, military, etc. for both content and sponsorship. Please share appropriate contacts for this tea. We will likely need to have a 50-60 person participant cap on the tea.

Commissioner Bailey reminded the Commission that she has been in touch with both the Maryland Historical Society and the Baltimore Historical Society who are offering space for a suffrage commemoration event in Baltimore City. The Commission could cooperatively host programming at these locations if desired.

In addition, Commissioner Bailey has a personal connection to author Elaine Weiss, *The Woman's Hour*. It was agreed that she might be a wonderful speaker at the culminating event.

MG Singh made a connection with a faculty member from the College of Notre Dame, who helped bring the WOW (Women of the World) festival to Baltimore on April 28, 2018. MG Singh spoke at this conference. The College of Notre Dame is a women's college and would be

a good partner with the Commission, although we may want a different site for our culminating event that allowed for enhanced facilities for breakout sessions.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, June 19 at 10am at the Fifth Regiment Armory and a call in number will be circulated beforehand as well. The following meeting will be on Tuesday, July 17.

Adjourn - 11:12am

## **Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment of the United States Constitution**

### **Commission Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 19, 2018**

**10:00am - 11:00am**

**Fifth Regiment Armory**

Minutes

Attendees: COL Janeen Birkhead, Sen. Cheryl Kagan, Sen. Katherine Klausmeier, Del. Susan McComas, Roberta Sharper, Emily Oland Squires, Dr. Marylou Yam, Pamela Young (representing Diana Bailey), Cynthia Miller, 1LT Jennifer Alston, CPT Elise Dent and Catherine Kelly.

Meeting called to order at 10:07am by COL Birkhead.

Updates to events timeline:

Markers

Commissioner Kurtz Not in attendance, she reports that she is continuing to work on potential marker sites.

Contests in 2019

Art Contest

Ms. Miller reported on the progress made on the Art Contest. After some discussion the commissioners were asked to please review the art contest guideline draft circulated from Ms.

Miller, and give comments back via email to Ms. Miller by next week, June 29. She has the following specific questions for which she would like feedback:

- 1) Do we want the participants to honor women of past, present and future in their piece, to select one element which to focus on, or do we want to focus more on future?
- 2) Do we want the participants to focus their piece on improving lives of women everywhere or specifically within Maryland?
- 3) Do we want to open the contest to all grade levels (middle school through college level) broadly? Or focus on a specific age range? During the meeting, Catherine Kelly remarked that high school and college would be the best focus group due to proximity to voting age. Del. McComas stated that we need to include younger kids in some element of our programming, and she referenced Harford County Patriots Program that rewards and encourages children to establish good habits of voting at a young age. Agreed to by both Senators Kagan and Klausmeier. Ms. Miller commented on the scale of contest overall. She stated with 8 mediums of art accepted, if we include all levels of school (middle, high, college level), and all counties (24), we could possibly have 576 winners.
- 4) What is the final presentation date for the contest winners?

Also need date of presentation for final winners - - - March or August of 2020? Winners announced in August of 2019, and then display winners between that time and final events.

#### Essay Contest

Commissioner Anderson was not in attendance. She circulated a first draft of possible essay contest guidelines. COL Birckhead asked that any comments on the Essay contest guidelines also be sent to Commissioner Anderson by June 29th.

#### Education - Document Packet

Commissioner Oland Squires stated that the Maryland State Archives continues production of the Documents for the Classroom packet related to Maryland's suffrage story. This teaching tool will incorporate primary sources for educators and students. The goal was to have this document packet published online by the end of the calendar year, so that it can be used in both the 2019 and 2020 school years and beyond. However, Commissioner Oland Squires will try to have it complete in September, if possible, so that it can be circulated to the schools with the essay and art contest announcements. Students may want to use the primary sources in creating their contest submissions.

Once complete, this packet will be placed on the Maryland State Archives website of teaching materials and on the Commission website, and can be promoted on social media. The page can also be circulated to the schools via the state and county social studies coordinators in the school system. Commissioner Oland Squires checked with her IT staff and while a public counter cannot be placed on the page, the Archives can track the page visits and report on that number to the Commission.

## Committee Updates

Events and Marketing - Ms. Miller states that for any upcoming marker events, she will plan to use template for planning and marketing last event, which was a success.

There is no plan for marketing the arts or essay contest yet, as we are still in the phase of drafting contest timelines, rules, and guidelines.

Commissioner Sharper recommended that we still consider doing a March in commemoration of the 2020 anniversary as an event. While Commissioners agree that this might be a successful event, we do need to be aware of not spreading ourselves too thin by planning to carry out more events than we are able to sustain.

Sen. Klausmeier asked what is being done in DC to commemorate the anniversary by the public or the women of Congress. It was suggested that the Commission could participate in events being planned on the national level. COL Birckhead has communicated with the National Park Service and understands that plans are on hold so far. Catherine has reached out to Congressional offices and has not gotten any information yet about plans. The Military Department staff will continue to pursue both avenues.

There were no updates from the remaining three committees.

## Logo design

A proposed Commission logo was circulated for review and discussion. Ms. Miller asked if there was a simplified version that might be more image heavy/have fewer lines of text. Sen. Kagan, does not like font used on the piece, and proposes a warmer font be used. She also asked to take the quotation marks off of the slogan, to remove the capitalization from the words, and suggests a better color contrast from gray ribbon and black text. Sen. Kagan feels that as is, the banner text is hard to read. Also, she does not like the word “marching” in the slogan. She finds it too militant, and requests a more inclusive word than marching.

Commissioner Oland Squires stated that the slogan reminded her of the history of the movement, and did not strike her as militant at all. Marching was very often the form of demonstration that women used to secure their right to vote, so use of the word marching is honoring that history.

Commissioner Yam commented that the logo could be simplified by noting that the word “Centennial”, the “1920-2020” year span, and the term “100th anniversary” all mean the same thing.

One issue was that the logo did not say anything about right to vote. We cannot assume people know what the 19th amendment is. Perhaps somewhere the logo should specify, “Celebrating 100 years of women voting”.

COL Birckhead thanked the Commissioners for their responses, and said the group would come back with some options to consider at the next meeting.

#### Culminating Event 2020

As stated at the May meeting, the Military Department has identified a volunteer group of five assistants who can work with Commissioners on the elements of the culminating event. Pamela Young, representing Commissioner Diana Bailey, asked if there was any policy on covering honorarium or travel expenses for speakers and would there be any registration fee for public participants. Catherine Kelly responded that with proper budget information we would be seeking funding to pay for speaker fees/expenses if necessary. Potential sponsors were also discussed to make the event free to attendees. Regardless we would need to register attendees, so that we could get an advance count and control numbers for the venue. At this point, we were hoping for a 500-750 attendee range.

All Commissioners should have received an outline of prospective activities for this multi-day event. In order to begin planning the event, and to seek resources, the Commission needs to begin by putting together a proposed estimated budget and securing partners. Our partnerships should reach out across all fields of women’s past, present and future.

Toward those goals, each Commissioner continues to have two action items to complete which were due prior to June 19th, but many have not yet completed. All commissioners must submit this outstanding information prior to the July 17th meeting date.

- 1) Each Commissioner should create a proposal with an estimated budget for the aspect of the culminating event they would like to help lead. Please select your area of interest from the attached outline and write a brief description of the activity and an estimated budget. Please

note, this budget information is vital to the attempt to gain funding. All information must be submitted to the Chair's office, so that it can be compiled into one cohesive request in July.

2) Each Commissioner should draft a list of potential partners with full contact information. These are to be individuals that the Commission would like to partner with in the 2020 culminating event. We will be planning a women's leadership tea to get people excited to participate in and support the Commission and the final, multi-day event. We want to hold the tea to promote the event and get partners in all sectors including, but not limited to education, business, government, non-profit, technology, corporate, military, etc. for both content and sponsorship. Please share appropriate contacts for this tea. We will likely need to have a 50-60 person participant cap on the tea.

The major parts of the event are:

Youth summit to take place in schools during the date to be determined.

Evening Kick-off reception, Thursday March 5, 2020.

Conference/Panel Day Friday, March 6, 2020.

Family Day Saturday, March 7, 2020 including family walk/run parade.

Individuals signed up in the following categories:

Youth Summit: Commissioners Anderson, Oland Squires, and Sharper

Reception:

Conference/Panels: Commissioners Bailey, Oland Squires, Yam

Family Day/Run: CPT Dent - volunteer to work with Commissioners on the walk/run parade.

Ms. Miller - will be involved in everything, since she is heading events and marketing, along with Commissioner Fitzsimmons.

Commissioner Yam stated that the College of Notre Dame of Maryland would be willing to serve as the venue.

New Business

Commissioner Kagan asks what we would do in August 2020 to mark the actual 100th anniversary, if the culminating event is in March. Would there be a final event?

If so, we need to include in the funding request. There was some discussion of whether the winners of the arts/essay contest might be recognized with a reception and sharing of work at that time.

Ms. Miller asked if a print legacy piece could be added into the budget. This could be a program or brochure or an art print that could be circulated at the 2020 event(s). Sen Klausmeier stated that perhaps an art piece could be created in conjunction with MICA. Kagan suggested Strathmore Hall.

Commissioner Sharper stated that she has a contact from the Queen Anne's County Historical Society that would like to be involved in plans. She can pass this contact information on to the Commission.

With there being no further business, the Commissioners were reminded that the next meetings are scheduled for July 17th and August 21st at 5th Regiment Armory at 10am. Teleconference numbers will be circulated in the days prior to these meetings. Please check your email.

Adjourned - 11:06am.

## **Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment of the United States Constitution**

### **Commission Meeting**

**Tuesday, July 17, 2018**

**10:00am - 11:00am**

**Fifth Regiment Armory**

### Minutes

Attendees: Diana Bailey, Lee Bachu, Elizabeth Hughes (representing MHT), Sen. Cheryl Kagan, Sen. Katherine Klausmeier, Cynthia Miller (representing Elizabeth Fitzsimmons), Roberta Sharper, Emily Oland Squires and Catherine Kelly (representing MG Singh).

Meeting called to order at 10:03am by Catherine Kelly.

Catherine Kelly announced that the Chair will be meeting with Dr. Yam about future possibilities and more on that will be shared at next meeting in August.

Contests in 2019 -

Commissioner Anderson was not in attendance to discuss the essay contest. Ms. Miller did not have any updates on the Arts Contest. Both indicated that they only received feedback on the contest guidelines from Commissioner Oland Squires.

Sen. Klausmeier stated that the essay contest should have a word limit in the guidelines.

Ms. Kelly suggested that Commission needed to consider how to narrow down winners, rather having it be jurisdictional by age with the possibility of having hundreds of winners. Both contests need to be designed to consider limited resources for judging and prizes. Senator Kagan suggested there should not be two rounds of submissions, only one, and the best work should be submitted without a chance to revise.

Ms. Miller and Dr. Anderson are to begin to assemble a panel of judges. Sen. Kagan asked how to nominate judges, so that we can get a diversity of people to represent the whole state (geographically, writers, activists, historians, arts, etc.). Senator Kagan also suggested the Commission invite the First Lady to be an honorary judge/member as this is a bi-partisan event and Commission.

A final timeline for the contests needs to be worked out. Sen. Klausmeier offered and the Commission accepted the plan to honor the winners in March 2020 on Senate and House floors. Therefore, we need to announce the contest at the very beginning of the school year and impose an early December deadline for receipt of finished work, then the judges would need a period for selection of winners.

The essays and artwork should be displayed during the legislative session in 2020. Sen. Kagan and Sen. Klausmeier can start this process now.

Ms. Miller will work with Dr. Anderson to make plans together and establish guidelines before the next Commission meeting. They will hold a meeting/teleconference to refine the standards of the contests, inclusive of timelines and the judge selection process. When a date for this planning meeting is established, it will be circulated to the Commissioners, all are invited to join. Sen. Klausmeier would like to join if it was in the morning. The call will try to be set at 10am. The goal is for Dr. Anderson and Ms. Miller to present the final guidelines to the Commission at the August meeting.

#### Education - Document Packet

Commissioner Oland Squires stated that the Maryland State Archives continues production of the Documents for the Classroom packet related to Maryland's suffrage story. Commissioner Oland Squires checked with her IT staff and while a public counter cannot be placed on the page, the Archives can track the page visits and report on that number to the Commission. This count would only give IP addresses, so no names/emails, etc. would be available. However, we would have a list of contacts through the board of education social studies coordinators that we would use to distribute the packet.

Additional Updates -

Ms. Kelly indicated that we have had contact from Cathy Hill at the Women's Caucus. Ms. Shaper has been contacted by a researcher from Queen Anne's County.

Sen. Kagan suggests, engaging women legislators to identify good judges for contests and to spread the word of Commission events and contests through their own social media as well as reaching out to their local historic societies within their districts.

Commissioner Bailey thinks local historical societies can help us for local stories, sites and documents. Ms. Hughes echoed that better engagement of historical societies, Maryland Heritage Areas, women's commissions would be desirable.

Commissioners Bachu and Yam will be asked to help get information to local county women's commissions involved through the Maryland Commission.

Ms. Kelly is collecting contacts from us for future use in networking, volunteering and participation, but before we get back to them we have to have information on what we are asking them to do/participate in.

Logo design

Four options with suggested alterations have been created and they will be emailed out. Commissioners must give input by August 1st for final approval.

Markers -

Commissioner Kurtz retired, Peter Kurtze now in charge of markers at MHT. Elizabeth Hughes attending meeting by phone to represent MHT until a new Commissioner can be named.

At this time three markers have been discussed:

- 1) Westminster, Carroll County to honor meeting site of the Just Government League
- 2) Oakland, Garrett County to honor a suffrage hike from, June 13-27, 1914
- 3) St. Mary's City, St. Mary's County to honor Margaret Brent Pilgrimage, May 31-June 26, 1915

Goal is to have one marker ceremony in late fall 2018. The Commission agreed that Westminster would be the best site to begin with. Then, the other two sites would be in 2019, making sure Garrett County was not in the winter. After putting in the order for the marker with approved text, it takes about 8 weeks to fabricate and place by State Highway Administration.

Ms. Hughes also reported that the MHT received an NPS underrepresented communities grant to expand the understanding of suffrage-related sites. This work will begin this fall and more information will be shared.

Ms. Hughes agreed to provide language be circulated to the commission for the Westminster marker and suggested dates of possible installation for an event by next meeting in August.

Commissioner Bailey is still waiting for information from the William Pomeroy Foundation about possible funding for another marker. This organization may fund a marker which would allow the Commission to place signage some place a SHA marker could not go. A reminder that SHA markers can only go along state-maintained roadways (not city or on private property). It was stated that a marker in an urban area is desirable, and perhaps this program will allow that. Sen. Klausmeier suggested somewhere along Rt. 1 going through Baltimore City might be a good place. Both Sen. Klausmeier and Kagan stated that the print shop in Annapolis run by State Use Industries may be able to provide inexpensive services such as signage.

New Business:

Sen. Klausmeier requested that on August 18th information be posted on social media and blast out about the upcoming 2020 anniversary. Perhaps the logo can be distributed at this time and it could be announced/unveiled on 8/18 if final approval process is complete. Sen. Kagan will attempt to find an intern/graphic designer to put together a flyer once she is provided the bullet points of what is to be included. All other Commission members are invited to share any resource they may have to develop said flyer.

Reminder: The next meeting is Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 10:00am at the Fifth Regiment Armory or by teleconference.

Adjourn - 11:04am

**Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment of the United States Constitution Commission Meeting**

**Tuesday, August 21, 2018**

**10:00am - 11:00am**

**Fifth Regiment Armory**

Meeting Notes

Attendees: MG Linda L. Singh, Dr. Marylou Yam, Cynthia Miller (representing Elizabeth Fitzsimmons), Senator Cheryl Kagan, Senator Katherine Klausmeier, Roberta Sharper, Elizabeth Newell (representing Emily Oland Squires), David Armenti and Katie Caljean from the Maryland Historical Society and Catherine Kelly.

Meeting called to order at 10:03am by the Chair.

Commission Chair, MG Singh provided opening remarks. She ensured the members that things are moving forward, especially strategies for the 2020 culminating event. MG Singh expects to have much to report at the October meeting of the Commission.

Of note: Dr. Patricia D. Anderson retired from the Maryland Historical Society in late July, 2018.

#### Markers

Elizabeth Hughes from MHT shared via email the draft language for the Westminster Marker, slated to be installed in November 2018. The draft language will be circulated to the members for comment and approval.

#### Contests in 2019

Ms. Miller reported that some conversations have taken place with representatives of the MD Historical Society and progress has been slightly delayed by Dr. Anderson's departure. Mr. Armenti and Ms. Caljean stated they would like to meet to further discuss the scope and details of the contests. MG Singh directed her team to set up the meeting. Senator Kagan noted that it would be very timely to announce the contests early this fall to give the schools a heads up.

#### Education - Document Packet

The Maryland State Archives continues production of the Documents for the Classroom packet related to Maryland's suffrage story. Ms. Newell reported an update for on Commissioner Oland Squires behalf noting MSA is nearing completion of the document packet on the Maryland Suffrage story. As soon as it is posted online in our education section, it will be shared with Commission. Following which the process of getting it out to social studies coordinators across the state will begin.

Commissioner Oland Squires will be participating in the day-long Anne Arundel County professional development day on Monday, 8/26 where she will be telling teachers K through high school about archival resources available in the classroom, including those on suffrage. MG Singh asked if the contest information will be included in the information shared. Ms. Newell agreed to follow up to gain the answer.

#### Culmination event in 2020

MG Singh reported that at this time there is general progress to report, and that the only women's college in Maryland, Notre Dame is considering partnering on this event. The Chair noted that Notre Dame's team has created impressive, professional events and she is looking forward to continuing conversations regarding the possibilities.

MG Singh shared the event should not only celebrate the past and look into the future but provide attendees tangible actions to facilitate forward progress over the next 100 years.

Senators Kagan and Klausmier briefly discussed requesting a proclamation of 2020 to be the "Year of the Woman". Further discussions will follow the November 2018 meeting.

Senator Kagan noted that while at the National Conference of State Legislators she attended a Center for American Women in Politics session and she shared many of the plans the Commission is making to celebrate the anniversary and other States seemed very inspired. She also noted there may be a potential sponsor and will share the information with appropriate staff.

Discussion ensued regarding the lack of any formal events on the National level. Several Commissioners noted their disappointment. MG Singh shared that she will further engage with national organizations she is affiliated with and share event information and possible joint opportunities, as well as a point of contact.

Commissioner Yam remarked that she will bring up our plans to the Maryland Women's Commission.

#### Logo design

Six options were emailed to Commissioners for consideration. The Chair has asked that reviews and selections be made by Friday, August 24, 2018.

#### Committee Updates

Historic, Sites and Research – Ms. Hughes was not in attendance – see marker information previously mentioned.

Marketing, Advertising and Tourism/Events – Ms. Miller reported that her office is steady planning for 2020, the Year of the Woman, and will be incorporating Commission events. The Department plans include a multitude of projects from trails to working with sister agencies to highlight notable women in Maryland history. She said – stay tuned for more information as the plans unfold.

Coordination and Communications – MG Singh noted that with the departure of Ms. Williams there is a need for a new Chair. She asked for volunteers, hearing none she noted the issued would be revisited.

#### New Business

Commissioner Klausmeier shared that she is perplexed by the lack of interest in this anniversary. Commissioner Klausmeier suggested consideration of a march from Baltimore to Washington to bring attention to the centennial. The Chair will contemplate options and come back to the group with thoughts and ideas.

A question was raised regarding networks and if information is funneling to the member organizations, i.e. the League of Women Voters. Commissioner Sharper noted that when we have specific requests for support she is happy to reach out to the 24 jurisdictions. All Commissioners are encouraged to share information with their respective organizations.

MG Singh will record her thoughts and suggestions on reaching out to potential partners and circulate it to the Commissioners for discussion at the September Meeting.

The Chair reiterated that she is asking for votes on the logo by Friday, August 24, 2018; she is asking for review and approval of the Marker verbiage and that the July minutes will be circulated today, August 21 or at the latest by tomorrow.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for September 18, 2018 at the Fifth Regiment Armory or by teleconference. Call in information will be sent ahead of the meeting.

Having no further business to address the meeting was adjourned at 10:47am.

These notes were prepared by Catherine Kelly on behalf of Commissioner Emily Oland Squires.

## **Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment of the United States Constitution**

### **Commission Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 18, 2018**

**10:00 am - 11:00 am**

**Fifth Regiment Armory**

Meeting notes

Attendees: Commissioner Diana Bailey, Commissioner Emily Oland Squires, Claire Souhan (representing Commissioner (Sen.) Kagan), Cynthia Miller (representing Commissioner Elizabeth Fitzsimmons) Katie Caljean and David Armenti (representing Maryland Historical Society), and Catherine Kelly.

Meeting called to order at 10:02 am. Commission Chair, MG Singh was on travel and Ms. Kelly led the meeting. There were no questions about the July 2018 meeting notes. The August meeting notes have been distributed to the group. Should the Commissioners have any questions or comments, they should be forwarded to Ms. Oland Squires and Ms. Kelly.

Education - Document Packet

Emily Oland Squires gave an update on the Document Packet. The Archives has selected the documents and completed all the scanning of materials and are now placing them into the template. Currently, we are putting the scans of the primary source documents into context with the overall goal of telling the Maryland story within the national story of women's suffrage. We want to provide educators and students with primary source materials to use in the classroom to teach about Maryland's suffrage history. We are starting with Margaret Brent asking for a vote in 1648, with the original document that records her coming before the colonial legislature, and moving forward to look at how Maryland specifically recorded who could and could not vote in its constitutions. Then, we are showing broadsides and documents from some of Maryland's pro-suffrage groups who sometimes had different ideas of how the vote should be achieved (through federal, state or municipal laws). We have correspondence from activist Madeline Ellicott to her sister discussing the situation in Maryland. The packet presents historical documents and images all the way through Maryland's joint resolution of the General Assembly to ratify the 19th amendment in 1941. The internal deadline for having the completed packet live online is still December 1st.

Emily agreed that collaborating with the Maryland Historical Society to create an electronic mailing list that includes all the state social studies coordinators, county superintendents, private

schools through the Association of Independent Maryland and DC Schools (AIMS MDDC), and home school collaboratives to get the word to the widest possible audience was a great idea. It was agreed that sending out joint information about the document packet and the contest would be best. Students and teachers may use the packet to inform and inspire their work, if they choose to and it would create a coordinated, branded message from the Commission. Also, the group agreed that having Commissioners help to distribute the document packet and the contest information through their networks (mailing lists, social media, contacts, constituents) when it is published is also needed.

#### Art/Essay Contests – “Creative Contest”

Katie Caljean and David Armenti representing the Maryland Historical Society, have joined Cynthia Miller coordinate the arts and essay contest. Katie reported that the group has met and made the following progress: The Commission will coordinate the contest announcement with document packet release as incentive for educators and students to take note of both products. The group has decided to combine the two contests into one creative contest for both essay and arts. Along these lines, they have combined the two outlines of the contest guidelines into one. They have used best practices, including the National History Day guidelines, to guide decisions, shape the contest, and clarify contest requirements. Ms. Caljean has experience with a juried arts contest. The contest in question provided the opportunity for students to bring their work to museum for submission, and efforts were overly successful, there were hundreds of entries which was overwhelming. Jurors selected the top 50 entries to stay at the museum. Katie confirms that this scale would be difficult to manage with our current resources; therefore it is suggested digital submissions be accepted in round one of the contest. The judges would then review the digital files and select which works that they would like to see in person. There will be 5 categories, including painting, 3D, Graphic/Digital art, video and photography, and a winner from each category could be selected. Winning works will be displayed during legislative session in (Jan-April) 2020. There could also be a panel discussion with the winners to discuss their work and inspiration. For the contest, we need to provide a language prompt or a posed thesis which includes a call to action. For example, “based on the steps taken for women to achieve the right to vote, what should we do with our right to vote now?”. This is a forward looking and call to action assignment, not only a historical review. The group is working on specific category guidelines with a framework and judging rubric. This package should be ready in the next month. The contest will be open to high school students, as they are close to voting age. Also, teachers or principals will submit on behalf of their students and act as advocates, not students themselves, to be sure all the deadlines and submission requirements are met. These adjustments in scope help to streamline and focus the effort. The contest will need 7 jurors, and they should be non-experts and high profile, but not specialized artists or writers. If you have ideas for judges, please share them with Emily or Catherine right away. The next contest group meeting is October 3rd.

The key challenge for both the document packet and contest is getting the materials into the hands of the right people. Social studies coordinators, superintendents, principals and teachers who will take accountability are essential to the success. The Archives and the Historical Society are committed to working together on this. Distributing the information is the important point that the whole Commission to rally student artists and authors to participate. We will need access help from groups like the Heritage Center, MD Commission for Women, League of Women Voters, legislators' constituent lists, etc. to help disseminate.

## Markers

Elizabeth Hughes reported that the language for the Westminster marker was approved on September 10th, the following day the order for the marker was placed. Given the twelve week turnaround time for fabrication, the marker will not be complete until January 2019. It will be placed in the area of McDaniel College. Given that January is not an ideal time for a marker event, it is suggested that the unveiling be scheduled for spring 2019.

Maryland Historic Trust staff will proceed in completing the language for the remaining two markers and turning them in for approval in the near term. We will target summer 2019 for the unveiling of the Oakland marker in Garrett County, and the fall of 2019 for the St. Mary's City marker.

Commissioner Bailey reiterated that funding through a grant from the William Pomeroy Foundation will allow for the purchase and placement for additional markers. Further details will be forthcoming. These will be privately funded, therefore markers can go on non-state property/roadways. Diana agreed to connect with Elizabeth Hughes to work with the in depth research that MHT has already done about important historic sites, as well as Cindy Miller who is working on a bike trail that may include these sites as "stops" on the trail.

## Additional Updates

There is an event this Saturday, September 22nd by the Women's Heritage Center which has been circulated to the Commission. It is a non-partisan panel discussion to get people engaged in voting process in Columbia, MD. Commissioners are encouraged to share events of interest directly with fellow members of the Commission.

Catherine shared that there is a move to create a calendar that all Commissioners can access and add/view upcoming events that they want the group to be aware of. There may be more updates

on this at the next meeting. In the meantime, a draft calendar of Commission events is being created and can be shared at next meeting. It will be updated with marker timeline information.

It was noted that the Women's Caucus (<https://www.womenscaucusmd.org/>) and the Women's Bar Association of Maryland (<http://www.wba-md.org/#>) are looking forward to partnering with the Commission. Potential contest juror recommendations and information dissemination were two opportunities that were noted. Commissioners were asked to think of any additional opportunities we can offer.

### Logo design

The Commission Logo is in the final draft and is ready to go on things such as the document packet and contest announcement. The final copy was distributed. Commissioners were asked to provide any comments by close of business September 21st if there are any additional suggestions, otherwise it will be considered approved and final. All who voted were thanked; a special thank you went out to Commissioner (Sen.) Kagan for arranging a professional review of the draft logo.

### New Business

The next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 10 am. The November meeting is Tuesday, November 20 at 10 am. Please note these dates on your calendar. These meetings will be at the Armory and available via teleconference as usual.

An "in person" meeting for the January meeting was suggested. Maryland State Archives agreed to host. Ideas for guest speakers were requested. Commissioner Diana Bailey suggested possibly inviting Elaine Weiss, author of *The Women's Hour*. We could also provide a brief walk through of the document packet, which will be online by that time.

Commissioner Diana Bailey also suggested nominating someone for Women's Hall of Fame related to suffrage (<http://dhr.maryland.gov/maryland-commission-women/programs/maryland-womens-hall-of-fame/>). Applications come out generally in October and are due by the end of the calendar year. The induction ceremony is in March, and this is an opportunity for Commission to publicize events. Even if they do not nominate someone, perhaps put information out at the event or put a mention in the event program.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

## **Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment of the United States Constitution**

**Commission Meeting Tuesday, October 16, 2018  
10:00am - 11:00am, Fifth Regiment Armory**

### Meeting Notes

Attendees: MG Linda Singh, Diana Bailey, Claire Souhan (representing Sen. Kagan), Roberta Sharper, Emily Oland Squires, Dr. Marylou Yam, Katie Caljean (representing Maryland Historical Society), BG Janeen Birckhead and Catherine Kelly.

Meeting was called to order at 10:05am by MG Singh. The Chair asked for updates for ongoing projects.

### Education - Document Packet

Emily Oland Squires reported that the Maryland State Archives is on target for the December 2018 release of the document packet online which includes scans of primary source materials related to the Maryland story of suffrage and information of how this material relates to US and state history standards. This information will be released online and available for teachers to use in their curriculum development and lesson planning for in class study of the 19th amendment. The Maryland State Archives is working in collaboration with the Maryland Historical Society to create a distribution list of educators throughout Maryland public and private schools to share this document packet. At the same time the classroom materials are distributed, a “save the date” flyer with details about the creative contest will go out to the same list of educators. This will enable teachers and students to use the information in the document packet as research materials and inspiration for their submission to the creative contest. Note, the Archives and the Historical Society are focusing their distribution list on educators, but as the document packet and the contest announcement will be online, all Commissioners are encouraged to circulate the links widely to their own networks, stakeholders and constituents when it is released.

### Art/Essay Contests - “Creative” Contest

Katie Caljean reported that the contest subcommittee met and members are still working on finalizing the guidelines for the creative contest. As a reminder to Commissioners, the art and essay contest has now been combined into a creative contest. The group is looking at best practices for the contest submission and judging. The guidelines will be launched in the beginning of the year, so the teachers will have time to get the entries completed, submitted by the due date in October 2019 and ready for judging. The next step would be to identify potential

jurors for the contest. Please note, we are not looking for professional artists, experts or subject matter specialists. We would like to have people of note/celebrities, if possible. There would be no training necessary, but individuals should be chosen who can react to the individual works, give constructive feedback and be encouraging with students. We are seeking an odd number of judges (7) who would be available for judging in late 2019 after the October 2019 submission deadline has passed.

## Markers

Elizabeth Hughes could not be with us for today's meeting, but as reported last month the historic marker for Westminster has been ordered. It will be complete in January. The Commission will be looking to spring, possibly March, for the next marker installation date.

## March 2020 Event

MG Singh reported that she had received information from Notre Dame about the possibility of the Commission partnering with the Wow Foundation on a March 2020 event. This information will allow her to work on establishing a budget that would further our goals of putting on this event. MG Singh is reviewing the information and is contemplating appropriate funding requests. While there are many events that will likely occur in 2020 surrounding this anniversary, the goal will be to make this an "event of events." More information will be shared at a future meeting. MG Singh expressed appreciation to Dr. Marylou Yam and her staff for their efforts to further this project.

## Other Possible Events

Diana Bailey reported that the Maryland Historical Society and the Women's Heritage Center will be hosting a public event with Elaine Weiss, author of *The Woman's Hour*, on March 28, 2019. Further event details will be provided as available. Ms. Weiss' book is not just about Maryland, however she can focus and customize a presentation on the story of Maryland women. She might be available to participate in future 2020 events of the Commission, if desired. Ms. Bailey asked if the Commission wanted to be listed as one of the groups putting this event on, since both Ms. Bailey and Ms. Caljean are participants in the Commission. The Chair agreed that the Commission will put name on the event and the logo on the flyer, and the Commissioners present on the call concurred. The Chair asked that the flyer be sent to her office when produced.

Ms. Bailey also mentioned another event that was a possible collaboration with the Commission on November 16, 2019 with Diane Weaver and Kacy Rohn, co-sponsored by the Baltimore City Historical Society and the Historical Society of Baltimore County, as well as the Women's

Heritage Center. Ms. Bailey indicated that she would be happy to put the Commission's name on these types of events which had no budget ramifications, only in kind costs.

Ms. Bailey also reiterated that Maryland would be receiving funds which will come through the Women's Heritage Center from the Pomeroy Foundation for marker placement. The amount of this funding is still unknown, but may be in the amount of \$15,000. Ms. Bailey is waiting on a packet to be sent out from the Foundation with more details. She has had a preliminary discussion and will continue to work with Ms. Hughes at Maryland Historical Trust in the future as she receives more information. The goal is to place markers on sites where the MHT is unable to due to restrictions of the state program. The markers will be based on the work of former MHT intern, Kacy Rohn, and Ms. Bailey will work with Ms. Hughes to identify sites and draft text. Ms. Bailey noted that in any budget discussions, this grant funding for markers could be used as in kind/matching donation.

#### Additional Partnerships

MG Singh stated that there were many groups interested in partnering with us. Time is moving quickly and we need to move forward with our agenda to stay on track. As our planning continues two organizations that want to partner are the Women's Bar Association and the Maryland Women's Caucus. One way these groups can be helpful is to help identify jurors for the creative contest. The Commissioners agreed that would be a good idea. Ms. Oland Squires indicated that Dr. Catherine Hill, Director of the Caucus, conveyed that the group was having a retreat in Annapolis on November 14th and invited the Commission to be present. This would be a good opportunity for perhaps our legislative representatives to discuss the Commission, its plans/goals and ask about identifying jurors for the contest. Ms. Oland Squires will share Dr. Hill's contact information with Ms. Kelly.

Catherine Kelly also requested permission to reach out post-election to Maryland's First Lady, on behalf of the Commission, asking her to be honorary member of the jury for the creative contest. The participating Commissioners approved the request.

MG Singh reported that she is an alumna of the International Women's Forum. MG Singh will be providing a keynote address at a program addressing the new class going through the fellows program in the near future. The Chair intends to use this opportunity to connect the Commission's efforts in a broader way and perhaps network to make contact with a big name speaker. MG Singh intends to use this networking opportunity to communicate the Commission's mission and will report back to the Commission after the conference.

Roberta Sharper indicated that in March she attended an event with the United Nations Chief Observer on the Status of Women, who would make an excellent speaker. Ms. Sharper agreed to provide an introduction and to send the appropriate contact information to chair's office.

The Commission is still planning to host a tea to get other organizations and institutions interested in what we are doing. The goal of this event would be to raise awareness and get additional stakeholders. This will become very important if/when we need to seek funding and in kind sponsorship support for our events. If you have names, please send them in to Ms. Kelly or Ms. Oland Squires. To date, names have only been received from Ms. Bailey and Ms. Oland Squires.

Future meetings

The next three Commission meetings are scheduled on – November 20, 2018, December 18, 2018 and January 15, 2019. The November and December meetings will be in Baltimore, but the January meeting will be hosted by the Maryland State Archives. In addition to Commission business, Archives staff will provide a brief walk-through of the document packet for the Commissioners.

Also, Ms. Oland Squires is currently drafting the annual report of the Commission. This draft will be delivered to the Chair's office for edits and approval by November 2 with a deadline for distribution of December 3. This report is required by law. A completed approved copy will be circulated to the Commission by the end of the calendar year.

New Business

None

Having no further business to address the meeting was adjourned at 10:38am.

**Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment of the United States Constitution**

**Commission Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 20, 2018**

**10:00am - 11:00am**

**Fifth Regiment Armory**

Meeting Notes

Attendees: MG Linda Singh, Diana Bailey, Elizabeth Hughes, Cindy Miller (representing Liz Fitzsimmons), Sen. Cheryl Kagan, Roberta Sharper, Emily Oland Squires, Ummu Bradley Thomas, BG Janeen Birckhead, Catherine Kelly, guests Judy Dobbs and Anna Keneda of the Maryland Humanities Council.

Meeting called to order at 10:01 am by MG Singh.

New Commissioners Ummu Thomas from Maryland Commission for Women and Katie Caljean from the Maryland Historical Society were officially welcomed to the Commission. It is incredibly helpful to have more team members to keep things moving in between meetings. Along those lines, the committee structure is under review and more will be discussed in 2019 about work groups.

The Chair announced that a strawman budget for the Commission's work was created for presentation to the Department of Budget and Management and Governor's Office. This funding request must go through the whole budget process, but MG Singh wanted the Commission to know that she and her staff are working on it. A budget will allow us to move forward with plans more directly, so this need to secure funds is a paramount priority.

The Chair asked for updates for ongoing projects.

#### Education - Document Packet

Emily Oland Squires reported that the Maryland State Archives is on target for December 1st release of the document packet online. The packet is online internally and being tested. We will be distributing it to educators next month to a list of key educators created in conjunction with Maryland Historical Society. The Save the Date notice about the contest should be circulated at the same time, please get it to Emily Oland Squires before December 1, 2018.

Note: The Maryland Historical Trust's research and Kacey Rohn's work with the Trust is a link with credit in the educational packet.

#### Art/Essay Contests

Cindy Miller reported that the contest committee has not met since the last Commission meeting, and the Save the Date is not prepared to go out with the document packet. She will organize a contest committee meeting soon. Catherine Kelly commented that she had reached out to both the Women's Bar Association and Women's Caucus regarding the naming of potential contest jurors. Also, the Chair's office will ask the First Lady to be an honorary juror.

## Markers

Elizabeth Hughes reported that the marker for Westminster is ordered. It will be ready in January, with a March unveiling event planned. Ms. Hughes asked about the planning process. For the last unveiling, the local government took an active role in sponsoring and planning the event. The Chair indicated that for the markers, she can reach out to the leaders in the local jurisdiction where they will be located and start to build community support. Elizabeth Hughes will put together a memo with exact marker locations in Westminster, Oakland, and St. Mary's City. Then, the Chair's office will reach out to the local officials to make the contact and set an initial meeting to explain the plan seeking support. Partnership on this level allows the community members to take the lead and to make it a good event for the local participants. Sen. Kagan requested that the spring unveiling be set after the General Assembly adjourns which will help local legislators participate. Therefore, the unveiling would be closer to the end of April, rather than March.

Diana Bailey reported that the criteria for the Pomeroy Foundation private markers grant is still not available. The Foundation is working on the guidelines and a new timeline. These details may be available in January, and she will share them as soon as possible. Elizabeth Hughes asked if there are design requirements specific to these markers, if they are more like National Park Service interpretive markers, or if they can be similar to the SHA historic roadside marker program? The Pomeroy Foundation has not given these details. Elizabeth Hughes commented that it is also necessary to have lead time for fabrication, a calendar for installation, and a Request for Proposal out to get bids to fabricate the marker. Diana Bailey stated that no dollar value for the grant is known, and it is also not known what guidelines come with the grant. She will share the details once the packet on the award is made available to her and will continue to collaborate with Ms. Hughes.

## March 2020 Event

The Chair's office is working on the format and structure of the culminating event in March 2020. Once the funding resources are understood, the details of the event can be laid out to the group. As discussed in past meeting, this event is not just honoring the past of women's suffrage, but also enable the future of women's leadership.

In addition to the funding request, the Chair's office is also working on a corporate tea event to occur in early 2019. This event will get information about our plans to key corporate women leaders encouraging them to partner with us and sign up to sponsor elements of the March 2020 event. The goal is to have this gathering tea in early 2019 in order to get into the budget cycles of most corporations. This event will also secure an outside network and buy in for our plans.

Thank you to those that have sent in names for people to be included (Sharper, Bailey, Oland Squires). If anyone else has names of those that should be included, please contact Catherine Kelly or Emily Oland Squires with names and contact information.

### Additional Partnerships

Our guests at today's meeting are from the Maryland Humanities (<https://www.mdhumanities.org/>), Judy Dobbs and Anna Keneda. Ms. Dobbs shared that the organization has been closely involved with other important anniversary commemorations including the War of 1812 and WWI in Maryland. For 2020, Maryland Humanities is already planning two events that would make natural partnerships with the Commission: The Chautauqua Summer Living history event in 2020 will be about Women's Suffrage. They have not picked the specific 3 people who will be the subjects yet, but they will have connection to telling the story of suffrage. Also, the 2020 History Day Program will have the theme of "Breaking Barriers." The Commission can support this event by acting as judges for the competition, as well as offering to sponsor a special prize for the best project about 19th Amendment. \$500 gives two prizes, one for middle and one for high school level. (Note there is already a Women's History prize from the Women's Heritage Center, and a prize sponsored by Maryland Historical Trust.) Perhaps some of the History Day projects could be featured at some of events that the Commission is planning, as well. These projects are very high quality and diverse including papers, documentaries, exhibits, websites, and performances. Finally, past anniversary commemorations have also included a Speakers Bureau on special topics, so the Commission could offer speakers to go out to organizations to discuss suffrage. Emily Oland Squires added that the quality of the programs put on by Maryland Humanities is very high with meaningful content, and that as discussed in the past, they would make wonderful partners with the Commission. MG Singh committed that the Commission can definitely offer to make a special prize donation; the Chair noted if Commission funds are not available that she would fund the prize donation personally.

MG Singh asked if the Commission members thought that she should meet with any specific, key women's organizations to be sure we are working in concert and not conflicting with their plans. We would not want to have multiple events being planned with the same dates, but instead want to be supportive. If there are specific groups that we are not yet in contact with, please let Catherine Kelly know so that the Chair can reach out to them. It was noted by Diana Bailey that there is an upcoming retreat of the Women's Caucus. Senator Kagan noted that it will be on Monday December 3rd from 11am to 2pm in in Annapolis, if anyone wants to represent the Commission there.

Sen. Kagan offered to set up social media accounts for the Commission on Twitter and IG. The Twitter is: @MD19thA, and the account details were sent to the Military Department to manage account posts and content. The link will be posted to the Commission's webpage.

New Business

The next meetings:

Tuesday, December 18, 2018, 10:00am - Baltimore Fifth Regiment Armory/call in, Tuesday, January 15, 2019, 10:00am - meeting in Annapolis

Senators Kagan and Klausmeier will provide recognition of Commissioners from the floor of the General Assembly in the State House with the Commissioners gathered in the gallery. Also, Sen Kagan agreed to arrange a gathering in the Senator's lounge for the women legislators to say hello to the Commissioners and to get an update on the Commission plans from the Chair. This meeting is significant because of increase of new women in legislature, as well as proximity to the anniversary date. This meeting will help potentially with budget request. (Note: the all-female leadership of the Guard in Maryland has gotten major and well deserved national news coverage. Congratulations!)

Ummu Bradley Thomas reported that the Maryland Commission for Women is planning a women's leadership conference in 2020 to honor the 100th anniversary of the suffrage ratification, as well as to address the concerns about representation raised during the recent Women's Leadership Listening Tour. The Maryland Commission for Women has already put a planning group in place for this event. The preliminary plans are for the event to take place in Annapolis in August 2020, as close to anniversary date as possible. The focus will not just be on the history of the suffrage campaign, but also the future of women in leadership positions. The Maryland Commission for Women would like to partner with the 19th Amendment Commission on planning and conducting this event. The Chair suggests a separate meeting with the Maryland Commission for Women to discuss this potential partnership. MG Singh asks Ummu Bradley Thomas to contact her office to set up a discussion.

Ummu Bradley Thomas reported that there is a proposed Suffrage Memorial (<https://suffragistmemorial.org/suffragists-in-maryland/>). The website lists Maryland honorees for their work in suffrage. Of the list, three Maryland honorees are already in the Women's Hall of Fame. The Maryland Commission for Women would like to have the other eleven listed honorees inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2020. This process would require nomination packets including support documentation.

Elizabeth Hughes noted that in past meetings we discussed nominating someone to the Women's Hall of Fame for 2019; nominations are due on November 30, 2019.

Roberta Sharper will send her contact information for the United Nations representative to Catherine Kelly for consideration for the March 2020 event.

MG Linda Singh is participating in the International Women's Forum, a global entity of 20,000 women. She will be sure to share our plans with this group and seek support. The more women's organizations we get on board, the better the culminating event will be. The goal is maximum participation in a stellar event.

Diana Bailey reminded the Commission about its agreement to co-host the book signing for The Women's Hour on March 28th, 2019 at the Maryland Historical Society.

Having no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am.