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RE: Report required by State Government sec. 9-3001

Gentlemen:

In compliance with Chapter 603, Acts of 2013; Code State Government Article, sec. 9-3001, please find the attached copy of the annual report for the **Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution.**

Per the legislation, we are sending one electronic and five paper copies to the Mandated Reports Division of Legislative Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emily Oland Squires". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Emily Oland Squires  
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cc: Sarah Albert, Department of Legislative Services (5 copies)





**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  
2019 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 2019.

Dr. Linda L. Singh, Retired Adjutant General of Maryland, serves as both the Governor's designee and the Chair to the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Commission. There were a few changes in representation over the course of 2019 to report. There is still a vacancy for the representative of the Democratic Party Women's Diversity Leadership Council. We are saddened to share that Ms. Ruth Umbel passed away in September, and there is a vacancy for the representative of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women. In addition, Ms. Mythili (Lee) Bachu retired from the Maryland Commission on Women and, in her place, Ms. Evelyne Steward was named to represent that body on the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Commission. Also, Ms. Ummu Bradley Thomas was selected by the Maryland Commission on Women to replace Dr. MaryLou Yam, who resigned from the Commission this year. A current membership roster of the Commission is attached to this report.

Under the Chair, the Commission continued holding monthly public meetings throughout 2019. The Commissioners have used these meetings to welcome new Commission members, to discuss goals and action plans, include new stakeholders from the community and to organize and carry out culminating projects. In 2019, the Commission held ten open public meetings and five public events; the approved minutes of the 2019 meetings are attached. Minutes still going through the approval process at the time of this reporting will be included in the 2020 report.

In January 2019, 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.

This year the Commission also celebrated four historic marker placements to commemorate women's suffrage in the state of Maryland. Three markers were placed by the Maryland

Historical Trust and Maryland State Highway Administration in Westminster, St. Mary's City and Oakland in collaboration with the Commission. The text of the markers is provided below:

**Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland**

*JUST GOVERNMENT LEAGUE*

*ESTABLISHED IN 1909, BECAME 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.*

*MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST*

*MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION*

**St. Mary's City, St. Mary's County, Maryland**

*MARGARET BRENT PILGRIMAGE*

*FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF THE "ARMY OF THE HUDSON," WHOSE MEMBERS MARCHED OVER 200 MILES FROM NEW YORK TO WASHINGTON IN EARLY 1913 TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE, IN THE SUMMER OF 1915 MARYLAND SUFFRAGISTS JOURNEYED BY COVERED WAGON FROM BALTIMORE TO SAINT MARY'S CITY, HOME OF SUFFRAGE ICON MARGARET BRENT, AND SPENT A TOTAL OF 23 DAYS TRAVELING THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN MARYLAND IN THE STATE'S MOST EXTENSIVE PILGRIMAGE.*

*MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST*

*MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION*

**Oakland, Garrett County, Maryland**

*GARRETT COUNTY PILGRIMAGE*

*"SUFFRAGE HIKES" WERE AN EFFECTIVE TACTIC IN GAINING PUBLICITY AND SUPPORT FOR WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE. FROM JUNE 16 - 27, 1914, SEVEN WOMEN FROM BALTIMORE CRISSCROSSED GARRETT COUNTY ON FOOT, MARCHING NEARLY 100 MILES AND VISITING 14 TOWNS TO SPREAD THE SUFFRAGE MESSAGE TO RURAL CITIZENS. THE EFFORT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS: 820 NEW MEMBERS JOINED THEIR ORGANIZATION, DEMONSTRATING CLEARLY THAT SUPPORT FOR SUFFRAGE WAS NOT CONFINED TO URBAN AREAS.*

*MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST*

*MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION*

In addition, the Commission was able to place a fourth historic marker outside of the state's official program through a grant to the Women's Heritage Center and Commissioner Diana Bailey from the William Pomeroy Foundation. This marker was placed in the Druid Hill neighborhood of Baltimore City in honor of African American suffragettes, August Chissell and Margaret Gregory Hawkins. An unveiling ceremony was held on November 23, 2019 for the marker which is part of the National Votes for Women Trail. Ms. Chissell was also inducted into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame in March 2019 through work of the Maryland Historical Trust and Commissioner Elizabeth Hughes. Another marker funded by the Pomeroy Foundation grant will be placed in March 2020 on the campus of Goucher College recognizing the college and students' role in suffrage movement of Maryland.

On March 28, 2019, the Commission in partnership with the Maryland Historical Society, Commissioner Katie Caljean, the Maryland Women's Heritage Center, and Commissioner Diana Bailey hosted a book talk and signing by Elaine Weiss author of "The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote." The Commission with Commissioner Emily Oland Squires also hosted a talk at the Maryland State Archives in honor of the centennial commemoration on August 28, 2019. The talk, entitled "Women and Benevolence Associations," by Dr. Schoeberlein highlighted the leadership roles that women assumed in early Civil War era clubs that ultimately poised them for additional leadership roles within the coming suffrage movement. In addition, the Commission and the Maryland State Archives participated in several Maryland State Department of Education Teacher Training Professional Development Days during summer 2019 where the educational packet created by the Commission was shared.

In conjunction with the Department of Tourism and Commissioner Liz Fitzsimmons, *Visit Maryland* has named 2020 "The Year of the Woman" and has dedicated a special space online and special promotion of events related to women's heritage in honor of the centennial. In addition, the Tourism Department is coordinating a women's Suffragists Centennial Motorcycle through Maryland next year.

The Commission in partnership with the Maryland Historical Society and Commissioner Katie Caljean announced its creative contest for Maryland high school students this year. Unfortunately, the "Women's Right to Vote 100th Anniversary Celebration Creative Contest" which ran from January through October 2019 did not accrue an appropriate number of student entries to continue. Therefore, the Commission will instead be supporting Maryland History Day in conjunction with the Maryland Humanities Council. The Commission will offer a prize to the student with the best project related to women's suffrage under the National History Day theme: *Breaking Barriers in History*. The statewide competition will culminate this spring with the award being handed out at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, and winners moving on to the National Competition in June hosted by University of Maryland College Park.

On June 13, 2019, the Commission planned and hosted a suffrage tea for stakeholders and interested members of the public to commemorate the upcoming bicentennial and to promote the upcoming events of the Commission. Speakers at the tea included Commission Chair Dr. Linda Singh, First Lady Yumi Hogan, President of the College of Notre Dame of Maryland Dr. Marylou Yam, Secretary of Commerce Kelly Schulz, and Chair of the National Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission Susan Combs. This event raised the awareness, interest, collaboration and enthusiasm for the upcoming 2020 culminating event of the Commission, the WOW Festival.

The Commission is focused on their final two major culminating events in 2020. On March 7, 2020, the Commission is sponsoring the Women of the World Festival in Baltimore in collaboration with the College of Notre Dame of Maryland. This festival, held at the Columbus Center, will celebrate the power of women and girls in Maryland and around the world, and it will unite and explore a variety of issues that affect women across cultural and social boundaries through a day full of engaging talks, panels, presentations and activities. The Commission has participated in a series of open public "think-ins" which afforded the community an opportunity to help shape the program on March 7. Public input was collected about what and who participants would like to see represented, as well as opinions on most relevant topics for women today for the Festival to address. In addition to the Women of the World Festival, the Commission is also collaborating with the Maryland Commission on Women for the 2020 Women's Centennial Summit on August 26, 2020. This day-long program will be held in Annapolis Maryland and feature guest speakers, panels, presentations and activities, including a women's leadership development seminar led by Commission Chair Dr. Linda Singh.

The Commissioners are confident that their progress to date and their common vision moving forward toward the 2020 centennial 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 'Linda Singh', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Linda L. Singh  
Chair



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

**Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, December 18, 2018  
10:00am - 11:00am  
Fifth Regiment Armory**

**Meeting Notes**

Attendees: MG Linda Singh, Diana Bailey, Elizabeth Hughes, Cindy Miller (representing Liz Fitzsimmons), Sen. Kathy Klausmeier, Roberta Sharper, Emily Oland Squires, Ummu Bradley Thomas, Catherine Kelly and Amy Jahniger (Citizen from Harford County).

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

The Chair does not have a budget update at this time. A request has been submitted. The review process needs to occur. MG Singh noted that more updates will be forthcoming at future meetings as the process moves ahead.

The Chair asked for updates for ongoing projects.

**Art/Essay Contests** - Cindy Miller reported that subcommittee has completed the guidelines and flyer detailing the Creative Contest and that they will be will circulated to the full commission. There are 5 different categories for creative works to be submitted. June 1, 2019 is opening date for digital submissions. Students will submit photos of their work for jurors to review in the first level of competition. October 11, 2019 is final deadline for submission of entries. Finalists will be announced after initial review of digital entries by jurors. Selected final entries will be delivered in person to armory and they will be reviewed by jurors; upon completion of evaluation of the tangible entries winners will be selected and announced in January 2020. In March 2020 the winners will be honored during the legislative session. The contest will be posted on Visit Maryland's website and promoted by the Maryland Arts Council. Emily Oland Squires will also circulate the contest announcement and guidelines in January, along with the educational packet that can be used as a resource for creating entries.

Catherine Kelly reported plans for juror selection. The Women's Bar Association will discuss possible jurors in their winter meetings. League of Women Voters will also be asked by Roberta Sharper for the selection of some jurors. There will be a great deal of



material to review across the 5 categories, so we will likely also need a second set of jurors for the final round. This judging will be divided up in order for us to be respectful of the jurors' time. Catherine Kelly has also reached out to the Maryland Chamber of Commerce and First Lady's office will be asked as well regarding jurors for the contest. Commissioners are encouraged to recruit possible jurors and send their contact information to Ms. Kelly.

**Markers** - Elizabeth Hughes reported that the Westminster marker on the Just Government League is fabricated and in storage until the unveiling event has been planned. The event will need to be in another location, as we cannot gather at the site of actual installation along the roadside for safety reasons. We will need to establish a date and location for the event gathering now. The Chair's office will reach out to the leadership in the Westminster area to get plans for a ceremony underway in the spring of 2019.

Draft text has been circulated for the next two markers in Oakland (summer 2019 installation/event) and St. Mary's City (fall 2019 installation/event). The sooner the text is approved the better, as the markers will take 12 weeks from time order is placed to be fabricated and ready to install. MG Singh wants response from Commissioners by end of the day today for approval or suggested edits to the text.

Ms. Hughes noted that July 5-7 in Oakland, Mountain Lake Park is hosting the Chautauqua event by Maryland Humanities Council with a living history interpreter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton. An unveiling event in conjunction with Maryland Humanities might be ideal.

Question from Senator Klausmeier expressed concern regarding the visibility of the markers along the highway; Ms. Hughes shared that the markers spaces are selected for visibility. The marker will also be available online for those that want to read it in more depth.

**Hall of Fame Nomination** - Maryland Historical Trust has nominated Augusta Chissell to the Maryland Commission for Women for consideration for induction into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame. The nomination packet was supported with letters from the Baltimore Heritage organization and Rep. Elijah Cummings. MHT was able to make contact with a living relative of Ms. Chissell, her great nephew who lives outside of Orlando, Florida. He recalls that his mother shared that she was called Aunt Gussie by the family. The Hall of Fame nominations are reviewed and MHT will hear in January or February whether Ms. Chissell will be inducted in March. Family members are invited and are able to make remarks on the inductee's behalf, but travel costs are



not covered. Discussion ensued regarding suggestions to bring the ceremony to the family who may not be able to travel, if the nominee is inducted.

**Education - Document Packet** - Emily Oland Squires reported that the Maryland State Archives met the December 1st deadline for completing and publishing the educational document packet online. The packet is now live online and linked from both the Archive's educational webpage, as well as the Commission's webpage. The direct link is: <http://teaching.msa.maryland.gov/000001/000000/000007/html/t7.html>. Ms. Oland Squires will be distributing the information to a list of key educators and administrators created in conjunction with Maryland Historical Society in early January. In addition to a link to the educational packet, the message will also include a flyer and the guidelines for the creative competition. The hope is that students will be able to use the historical information about Maryland's role in the national suffrage story to inspire their work for the creative contest. Commissioners were urged to feel free to circulate these materials to their own networks at the same time the message to the educators is released. A dispatch will be sent out to the Commissioners noting that the message has been sent to the educators and administrators. Diana Bailey will help to distribute to Girl Scout network, Sen. Klausmeier will work with Baltimore County School System.

**New Business** - Cindy Miller announced that 2020 has been named the Maryland Year of the Women by the Department of Tourism. There are plans underway to work with other agencies, organizations and groups to promote events across the state on the theme of women. The goal is for bring people to come together across Maryland to celebrate women all year long. Senator Klausmeier would like to schedule a women's motorcycle ride with a women's cycle group in 2020. Ms. Sharper seconded the idea.

In addition, Ms. Miller has been in touch with organizers for Fleet Week for 2020. The theme will be women, and they are looking for stories of women that have had a significant impact in the state's military history. It is important to have a historic view and a future perspective.

Ms. Sharper inquired about the way in which jurors will receive their guidance the following was shared: Each proposed juror's contact information should be shared with the Chair's office. At that point, the Chair's office will communicate the dates, guidelines and time commitments directly to the jurors.

Diana Bailey reported Pomeroy Foundation still does not have the information together on the grants for signage. A webinar will happen in January to give more information to





the proposed recipients. Ms. Bailey will let Ms. Hughes know the details once known for this webinar.

Diana Bailey also reported that March 28 is the book signing event at the Maryland Historical Society for *The Women's Hour* by Elaine Weiss. This event is co-sponsored by the Commission.

MG Singh recognized the media coverage of the all-female senior leadership team for Maryland National Guard. This is the first time ever in in all US states and territories that a senior leadership team has been all female. It is unique and a testament to the great talent and team in Maryland. It is a great way to show other young leaders the way, giving hope and inspiration to others as they move forward in leadership positions.

The Chair thanked everyone for all their hard work and progress and noted that 2019 will be a great year leading up to the 2020 commemorations. The focus will remain the successful completion this Commission's mission.

MG Singh extended holiday wishes to all.

The next meetings:

Tuesday, January 15, 2019, 9:00am - meeting in Annapolis at the Senate Office Building, Neal Conference Room and then at the State House, Senate Gallery/Floor at 10:00am, followed by potentially going to the House Gallery/Floor

Tuesday, February 19, 2019, 10:00am - Armory and call in

**Adjourn** – Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 10:50am.



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

**Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, January 15, 2019  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

**Senate Office Building, Neal Conference Room (Rm. 215)**

**Meeting Notes**

Attendees: Maj Gen Linda Singh, Lee Bachu, Diana Bailey, Elizabeth Hughes, Sen. Cheryl Kagan, Sen. Kathy Klausmeier, Roberta Sharper, Emily Oland Squires, Catherine Kelly and guests: Sen. Jill Carter, Brig Gen Janeen Birkhead, Lt Col Latisha Lewis, and Maj Chantal Fogarty.

This was not a traditional meeting of the Commission, but rather a meet and greet with legislators to share the work of the Commission. The gathering began at approximately 9:15 AM.

The Chair gave the assembled group a budget update. A request for \$50,000 has been submitted for planning purposes for the 2020 event, including the tea with stakeholders this year to gain support for the activities of the Commission and its culminating event in March 2020. The amount was included in the Governor's Budget. Maj Gen Singh noted she is hopeful the funding will remain intact as the General Assembly considers this year's budget.

Maj Gen Singh commented that, to date, no national commemorative event is on the horizon, so Maryland is really taking the lead. She hopes to meet with District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser to perhaps coordinate some of our activities regionally.

Senator Kagan asked for updates for the Creative Contest. Emily Oland Squires and Catherine Kelly spoke for the Contest Committee whose members, Cindy Miller and Katie Caljean, were unable to attend the January gathering. A notice went out last week to state and local educators as well as administrators announcing the contest and giving a link to the educational document packet. The information about both the packet and the contest are also on the Commission's webpage (<https://msa.maryland.gov/mdvotesforwomen/>), and an email notice was sent out to all Commissioners asking them to share the educational packet and the contest information widely with their networks. Emily Oland Squires will re-send this information again to Commissioners after this meeting to call further attention to it.

Elizabeth Hughes reported that the Westminster marker on the Just Government League is fabricated and in storage until the unveiling event has been planned in the

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Spring. The other two markers have been ordered and fabrication should be complete in May.

The group then went to the Senate Gallery to be recognized from the Senate Floor by Sen. Klausmeier and Sen. Kagan.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled on February 19, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

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the 19th Amendment of the United States Constitution**

**Commission Meeting, Tuesday, February 19, 2019  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM, Fifth Regiment Armory**

**Meeting Notes**

Attendees: Brig Gen Birkhead (Representing Maj Gen Singh), Emily Oland Squires, Diana Bailey, Tori Coan (representing Delegate Kelly), Catherine Kelly, Denise Perry (member of public), Christine Valeriann (member of public).

Brig Gen Birkhead called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. MG Singh sent her regrets. She is receiving an award for trailblazing women today and cannot be with us.

Brig Gen Birkhead reported that there has been forward movement on the budget for the Commission. The Chair and members of the Military Department have been meeting with the College of Notre Dame on plans for the culminating March event in 2020. The Chair is also working on solidifying funding for culminating and interim events. At this point, the Commission has been allocated \$50,000 to the Military Department budget (if approved those funds needs to be obligated by June 30). An additional \$150,000 is currently in the Department's FY2020 budget to support Commission's agenda. The group has drafted a spending plan for this funding, most of which is dedicated to carrying out the March 2020 event. Also, there will be a tea in the interim to draw interest and support for the larger event. Finally, there will be some funding for the Westminster marker event which will occur in April or May. There is a hope to pre-pay for some expenses related to the Garrett County and St. Mary's City marker events planned for fall 2019.

**Event Updates**

**Book Signing**

There is a Thursday, March 28th book signing of Elaine Weiss for "The Woman's Hour" from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore. This is supported by Commission and co-hosted by the Maryland Historical Society and the Women's Heritage Center. While Maryland Public Television will not covering this event, Diana Bailey and Katie Caljean should reach out to Cindy Miller for more promotional coverage of the event. Emily Oland Squires has had the flyer posted to the Commission's webpage (<https://msa.maryland.gov/mdvotesforwomen/>). Ms. Bailey asks for Commissioners to please send the event notice out to their own contact lists to build an audience. There are no resources allocated in the spending plan for this event, but Ms. Bailey is looking for a \$250 honorarium sponsor for this event. If anyone has

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any leads, please let her know. Denise Perry took down the information about sponsorship to share with her group.

### **Creative Contest**

Commissioners should be advised that right now we are just collecting juror names, but have not yet reached out to the potential judges. We are still looking for names to be submitted from the Women's Caucus and the Women's Bar Association. If you have names, please send them to Catherine Kelly, Katie Caljean and Cindy Miller. The timeline for jurors is as follows to give an idea of the time commitment expected, the Commission is looking to reach out to potential judges between May and June with guidelines; by mid-July/August, we will make the final selections of jurors and alternates; in September, we will hold juror training; from October and November the jurors will make the first cut of digital submissions; in December/January the final selections will be made from the original works with final winners chosen by January 15, 2020. Emily Oland Squires has had the contest announcement and guidelines added to the commission web page (<https://msa.maryland.gov/mdvotesforwomen/>), and it has been formally circulated to the county school systems and state boards of education. We need to make sure we have appropriate numbers of students participating in the contest. Please be sure to forward this information to your networks.

### **Tea**

The event is being planned to build interest and support for the Commission's March 2020 culminating event will be held in mid-June of this year. The planning group asked for the participation of former Senator Barbara Mikulski, but unfortunately she is traveling in June and not able to attend. The planning group has scheduled a meeting with First Lady's Chief of Staff to see what level of participating she can have in the events. Also, they have contacted Secretary of Commerce, Kelly Schulz, because the tea will be intended to be a very business-friendly event with hopes to raise interest, awareness and sponsorship.

### **Culminating Event**

March 7 is the target date for culminating event in 2020, with a possible evening activity occurring on March 6. The planning committee has asked Maryland Public Television if they might cover these events. While they have a preliminary interest, they do not have a news reporting arm and may not be able to do so. Cindy Miller will be brought in to tie them in as a potential partner in promotion.

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Please note, there will be specific duties and responsibilities for the Commissioners to undertake to have a successful culminating event. The planning group has created the outline, received funding and drafted the spending plan, but we really need to have all Commissioners' participation, work and support on these issues, especially now that we only one year left in our timeline. To have the turnout and proper execution, we need to have everyone's participation not just in the meetings but in the work ahead. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 19th at 10:00 AM.

### **Additional business**

#### Document Packet Update

Emily Oland Squires reported that the suffrage educational document packet is successfully getting into the hands of teachers across the state. Also, the Maryland State Archives has been scheduled to conduct for three teacher training workshops this summer as part of the Maryland State Department of Education's professional development program. The document packet will be shared at these events providing greater distribution. Commissioners can find links to the document packet on the web page (<https://msa.maryland.gov/mdvotesforwomen/>) and are encouraged to share it with their networks.

#### National Events

Brig Gen Birkhead reported that a federal committee has launched, the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission, US Department of the Interior, and the group has met. There are no events scheduled yet, but this is a group we should be aware of moving forward.

#### Guest Speakers

Ms. Kelly commented that the Commission has received a number of contacts from people who have done work on suffrage. She asked Commissioners if we would like to make requests for these individuals/groups to speak at upcoming Commission meetings. This would require the meetings to be in person, rather than call in. Instead or in addition, perhaps we can invite them to speak at the marker unveiling events. This would help fill out the program and get a larger turnout to the events. Commissioners should send their feedback on this issue to Emily Oland Squires: What upcoming meeting date might be good for an in-person meeting? The next meeting date is Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 10:00 AM. This is followed by April 16, May 21 and June 18.

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### **Potential Exhibit Update**

Diana Bailey estimated that approximately \$10,000-\$12,000 would be needed for an in-house designed suffrage exhibit. The estimate is based off of the Hall of Fame exhibit which was designed by a board member, Josie Thompson, so this was basically the cost of fabrication. Ms. Bailey will share specs for this project. She also stated that she was looking for possible support from Nora Roberts Foundation.

### **Pomeroy Foundation Markers**

Ms. Bailey shared the press release related to the markers with Commissioners via email. Emily Oland Squires had it placed on the Commission website (<https://msa.maryland.gov/mdvotesforwomen/>). She confirmed that text for submission is being worked on, and she is collaborating with Elizabeth Hughes to identify sites that are not able to receive state sponsored markers due to location. Ms. Bailey that there would not be one at the State House due to placement restrictions, but there are sites in Baltimore including Druid Park and Goucher. There will be another two added outside of the Baltimore area.

### **Upcoming Conference at Johns Hopkins University (JHU)**

Ms. Bailey is working with Judy Wellman on the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians coming to JHU in May 21-23, 2020 (<https://berksconference.org/big-berks/2020-berkshire-conference/>). There will be a panel at this event with Diane Weaver, Kacey Rohn, Jean Baker, and Ida Jones. The Commission may want to have handouts or exhibit materials there.

Lastly, Ms. Bailey inquired if the Chair's office could get back to the Maryland Commission for Women regarding the event they wanted to co-sponsor in August 2020.

### **Introductions**

Christine Valeriann, attending as an interested member of the public introduced herself. She has served on the Board of Directors for National Organization for Women, Baltimore Chapter, and she would be interested in assisting the Commission with events planning and promotion. She is the founder of a 19th Amendment commemoration event, and is researching participants in the suffrage movement including Fannie Cardozo.



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Denise Perry, attending as an interested member of the public introduced herself. She is the State Commander for Female Veterans of Foreign Wars, and she wants to lend some support to the Commission. The group has over 71 posts throughout the state and Ms. Perry would like to help getting information out through their networks.

A final reminder that the next meeting is Tuesday, March 19 at 10:00 AM.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:57 AM.



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**Meeting  
Tuesday, March 19, 2019 10:00am  
Fifth Regiment Armory**

**Meeting Notes**

Attendees: MG Linda Singh (Chair), David Armenti (representing Katie Caljean), Diana Bailey, Elizabeth Hughes, Cindy Miller (representing Elizabeth Fitzsimmons), Roberta Sharper, Emily Oland Squires, Ummu Bradley Thomas, BG Janeen Birckhead, Catherine Kelly and Christine Valeriann (member of public)

The meeting was called to order by MG Singh at 10:03am. The Chair reported that we are in a positive position with the budget. The overall budget requested for the Commission will not be finalized until the end of the legislative session on April 8, but things look good for getting what we need to move forward with planned events.

The Chair asked the Commission to support the book talk on March 28th at the Maryland Historical Society with Elaine Weiss for "The Woman's Hour." Please send out the event notice to your networks to get attendees to the event. The notice is posted on the Commission's website and there is a Facebook Event able to be shared on your organization's social media. This book is an important work which makes us recognize that we cannot take our right to vote for granted. We need to empower the next generation to make even more change as we move forward. It is important to keep having these conversations and show solidarity. MG Singh agreed to make brief remarks along these lines to greet guests at the event at the Historical Society on March 28th.

Cindy Miller asked about the Commission's connections to the National 2020 movement. MG Singh responded that she has reached out to both National and Washington DC commissions which are just getting organized. They are doing more promoting other's events, rather than planning their own at this point. We should promote our own events through the national group, the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission with the Department of the Interior. They are currently hiring a coordinator and waiting for a Delaware representative. Barbara Mikulski is the Maryland representative to this group and MG Singh has been in touch with her. We want to have her connected to the culminating event in March 2020. MG Singh will keep in touch with her office on all the details of all of our events so they can be shared broadly.

### Tea Event

Catherine Kelly announced that the tea event will be held June 13, 2019 at 2:30pm to 4:00pm at the Officers' Club at USNA or at the Governor Calvert House in Annapolis. First Lady Yumi Hogan and Secretary of Commerce Kelly Schulz will be co-hosts of the event. Keynote speakers have been requested to be a draw to encourage support of the event. The tea will be a way to get corporate buy-in to the events and allow them to get time to meet with Secretary Schulz and First Lady Hogan to talk about the Commission's work in detail. This event will couple with the work of College of Notre Dame to help us find sponsors to support the March 2020 culminating event, and MG Singh will speak with her contacts as well. The target for attendance at the tea is 150 with 400 invitations going out in mid-April taking first 150 RSVPs. There is a draft timeline for the event drafted with Notre Dame helping with the design of the invitations.

### 2020 Culminating Event

The event will be held March 7, 2020 in Baltimore. Maricka Oglesby, staff from Notre Dame, will look for an advisory committee for the event to help create discussion groups and break-out sessions for the WOW Festival. This year it will be themed on the suffrage centennial and moving forward together.

### Marker Unveiling

The city of Westminster has agreed to partner with the Commission for a May 4, 2019 unveiling for the marker commemorating the Just Government League. The city representatives have suggested a senior living facility with a gazebo as a lovely outdoor space with plenty of parking or the historic city hall building to host an event for the unveiling ceremony. More details will be forthcoming.

### New Business

#### Possible Partnership with DNR

The Secretary of Natural Resources, Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, reached out to MG Singh to ask if the Harriet Tubman Discovery Center could be involved in the Commission's work. Tubman was an important figure in women's rights for our state. The Chair suggested that perhaps the Commission could have a tour of the center and do a march that goes through the trails there? This event could maybe be incorporated in the big March event, perhaps on March 6, 2020? *Note: March 10th is celebrated nationally as Harriet Tubman Day each year.*

#### Possible Legislative Action in 2020

The Chair stated that we know that Maryland was not a state that led on the issue of suffrage in 1920, and they did not ratify the 19th amendment at the time. For the

legislators on the Commission, the question is can we put a law through next year to speak to this? Can we have a bill, joint resolution, or something to put before the Governor to proclaim "we are here now and we are not going back." Ms. Valeriann suggests maybe some real legislative action beyond a proclamation. For example, Ben Cardin seeking to roll back the timeline of ratifying the ERA. The Commission can share this information through all of the associated networks.

#### Year of the Woman

Cindy Miller stated that the Department of Tourism is asking Governor's office to proclaim the Year of the Woman from August 2019 to August 2020. This is monumental in a time where many women are gaining national leadership posts, including President, and the centennial is a perfect time to recognize the significance.

#### Pomeroy Foundation Marker Update

Diana Bailey announced that three marker write ups are almost ready to go. One will be on Goucher College campus, one on Charles Street for Edith Houghton Hooker's office, and one on Druid Ave. at Augusta Chisell's home. For additional markers, we are thinking about Lyceum in Montgomery County, but we wanted to get the first three in the process since it is taking longer than expected. Also, the group is looking into costs for installing markers on the properties. There is a small amount of space for text on the signs themselves, so the explanation is limited. Maryland is the first to have their requests into the program behind Kentucky.

#### Heritage Center Exhibits

Diana Bailey announced that there is a team working on a list of women to write biographies about for a suffrage exhibit. The goal is to have these biographies finished by December 2019 and perhaps Maryland Humanities would entertain a grant to turn these biographies into a portable exhibit to display for March 2020 event. MG Singh offered to set up a meeting with team that did the military history exhibit for traveling exhibit panels. The estimated budget is approximately \$10,000 for design, and fabrication is based on how many biographies will be included in the full exhibit.

#### New Microsite for Tourism Website

Cindy Miller shared that there will be a new place on the state tourism website to highlight Year of the Woman for 2020. The website will accept information and links to events and information from other agencies. There also will be an opportunity to create a "Program in a Box" to feature activities for local participation. In addition, there will be a tourism "Women's Logo" so specific events and venues can be recognized as women-centric.

### Women's Motorcycle Tour

Cindy Miller announced that a motorcycle tour does plan to come from 10 states and converge in Maryland. The group needs 1000 hotel room and will have ceremonies here. Then, all the bikers will ride together into Washington DC.

### Preservation Maryland

Cindy Miller has reached out to Preservation Maryland about including them in the Commission's work. They have an exhibit which will be showcased in the Welcome Centers. Any other available exhibits can request Welcome Centers as a venue as well. Diana Bailey will reach out to Cindy Miller about this offer.

### Creative Contest

The Creative Contest information has gone out and submissions will be taken beginning in June through October 2019. We need to continue looking for judges and a volunteer network to support that contest process such as League of Women Voters, Women's Bar Association, and Women's Caucus. The First Lady has agreed to be a final juror, but we need to find a lot of people for first levels. Let Katie Caljean know if you have any suggestions for judges.

At the close, MG Singh gave a personal thank you to her team, including Catherine Kelly and BG Birkhead for their assistance on bringing these events together over and above their normal workload.

A final reminder that the next meetings are Tuesday, April 16th and May 21st both at 10:00am at the Fifth Regiment Armory with an option to call in. The number will be sent out in advance.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57am.

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**Commission Meeting, Tuesday, April 16, 2019  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM, Fifth Regiment Armory**

**Meeting Notes**

Attendees: Maj Gen Linda Singh, Diana Bailey, Elizabeth Hughes, Senator Cheryl Kagan, Diettra Lucas, Catherine Kelly, and Maj Chantal Fogarty. Also in attendance Christine Valeriann, and Dr. Dennis A. Doster, interested members of the public.

Meeting called to order at 10:03 AM by Maj Gen Singh.

**Suffrage Tea** - The Tea will be held on June 13, 2019, 2:30 PM at the US Naval Academy Club. Currently, there are approximately 46 names which have been referred by Commissioners Bailey, Oland Squires and Sharper. Notre Dame of Maryland University will have approximately 120 names from the Baltimore area. Commerce Department representatives have been asked for a list of names as well. All Commissioners were encouraged to send their names in as soon as possible so invites can be sent out before the next Commission meeting.

**March 7, 2020 Event** - The event framework is in the final planning stage with Notre Dame of Maryland University. The place and the date have been secured. The keynote speaker is being sought.

**May 4, 2019 Marker Event** - The City of Westminster has assisted in selecting a venue to hold the unveiling located close to the actual marker installation site. The invitation will be finalized in a few days, and Cindy Miller has developed a press strategy to obtain the best possible coverage of the event. Elizabeth Hughes will transport the marker to the event, and State Highway Administration will install the marker after the event. It was suggested that commissioners arrive at the event site by 10:30 AM.

**Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission (WSCC)** - A meeting with Executive Director Rebecca Kleefisch was very fruitful. Brig Gen Janeen Birckhead and Catherine Kelly met with the Director and two staff members. The Commission was moving into office space and securing phones and computers, etc. The WSCC has a few events in the planning process, including planting a suffrage rose at the White House on March 20, 2020 along with some activities with Congress. The Commission intends to act as a portal for other States, sharing what States are doing and providing samples of programs, proclamations and the like. Ms. Kleefisch was the impetus behind a

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proclamation done in the State of Wisconsin, where she formerly served as Lieutenant Governor.

**Maryland State Archives Document Packet** - Senator Cheryl Kagan asked the status of the curriculum. Catherine Kelly reported, that Commissioner Oland Squires working with Commissioner Caljean shared the curriculum with all social studies teachers. Senator Kagan requested a copy for herself and Senator Klausmeier.

**Creative Contest** - Jurors are still being sought and it was noted that anyone with suggestions should provide that information to Katie Caljean.

**New Business**

**Dubois Circle** - Judith Smith, a member of the Dubois Circle (an organization that focuses on Maryland African American women's involvement in the suffrage movement), has reached out to the Commission.

**Pomeroy Foundation Update** - Diane Bailey reported that the markers being funded by the Pomeroy Foundation are moving ahead. The current focus is on the Goucher and Druid Hill locations. The value of the markers is \$1200 each.

**Event Suggestion** - Christine Valeriann, (interested member of the public) said it would be a missed opportunity if the Commission did not coordinate with Women's Equality Day 2020 event. Maj Gen Singh noted that the Commission's limited resources are primarily focusing on the marker events, the June tea and the March 2020 event.

**Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission** - Dennis Doster, Ph.D, Black History Program Manager of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) (interested member of the public), joined the meeting near its end. He mentioned that exhibitions are scheduled for the first quarter of 2020 on black women in politics through the MNCPPC. Also, his organization is hosting a panel discussion on April 25, 2019 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. at Oxon Hill Manor.

Maj Gen Singh made closing remarks and shared the next meeting date is May 21, 2019.

**Adjourn** - Having no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.



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**Commission Meeting, Tuesday, May 21, 2019  
10:00 AM, Fifth Regiment Armory**

**Meeting Notes**

**Attendees:** Maj Gen Linda L. Singh (Chair), Diana Bailey, Elizabeth Hughes, Ryan Kirby (representing Senator Cheryl Kagan), Sen. Klausmeier, Delegate Susan McComas, Roberta Sharper, Emily Oland Squires, Ummu Bradley Thomas, Cindy Miller (representing Elizabeth Fitzsimmons), Catherine Kelly and Christine Valeriann (interested member of the public).

Maj Gen Singh called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. Roll was taken.

**Opening Remarks** – The Chair reported that currently the group is focusing mainly on the tea event scheduled for June 13, 2019. Maj Gen Singh is pleased with the planning efforts. The Chair complimented the team, especially Catherine Kelly and the planning group members from the Notre Dame of Maryland University. The tea event is a kickoff for the centennial celebration events for the remainder of 2019 and those in 2020.

**March 7, 2019 Marker Event** – Commissioner Hughes did a wonderful historical presentation at the event in Westminster. During the program, the Girl Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance. The event followed the same model of past unveilings. The City of Westminster and the Carroll Lutheran Village supported the event. Del. Shoemaker and Councilwoman Becker both attended and provided remarks.

**Oakland Marker** – The State Highway Administration (SHA) has selected a site for installing the Garrett County marker just outside the courthouse in Oakland. The marker would be installed just to the right of courthouse steps on Route 210/Third Street. Commissioner Hughes had distributed the information on the proposed location prior to today's meeting. The Commission approved the location. Del. McComas suggested getting the Western Maryland delegates and senators to participate and involving a local team in the planning, and they may pass on invitations to their constituency to help build the crowd. Commissioner Hughes noted that having the indoor venue in Westminster was fantastic, so the Commission would not have to worry about the weather in planning the event. She suggested that this is a good model to follow going forward. If the ceremony is inside, the marker would need to appear on the holder that was created and used at Westminster and then installed after the fact.

Sen. Klausmeier asked if there was a marker being considered for the Eastern Shore and Southern Maryland areas, as she had been asked by delegates and senators of

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those regions. Commissioner Hughes confirmed that there is already an Eastern Shore marker in Kent County at Still Pond. The next Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) / SHA marker after Oakland will be in Southern Maryland placed at Saint Mary's City. Sen. Klausiemier suggests even if there is no new location at the Eastern Shore, perhaps there could be an event at their marker to include the region in the commemoration. The Commission suggests that the representatives from the Eastern Shore propose something, and we shall see if it is within our resources and our mission to participate.

**Pomeroy Markers** – Commissioner Diana Bailey confirmed that two markers are already in the approval process for areas in Baltimore City. Other considered locations have run into some problems placing them in the specific private locations identified. Commissioner Bailey stated that, if there is a place on the Eastern Shore for a marker, that it could be considered for a Pomeroy Foundation marker. She asked if the local community or historical society can suggest a place that needs to be commemorated. It was noted that anyone with related information send it to her. Commissioner Hughes noted that existing MHT research may identify a place on the Eastern Shore; if it does not, MHT could do more research into the issue. Maj Gen Singh stated that these must be places of significance to the suffrage movement – we are not just placing markers but marking sites.

**Tea Event** – The invitations for the tea event have gone out in both paper and via email. Only guests who have RSVP'd will be able to attend (including Commissioners). The website to RSVP is <https://www.ndm.edu/content/suffrage-tea>, and the system will switch off when the event is full. The program is almost completely confirmed. First Lady Hogan, Commerce Secretary Schulz, Maj Gen Singh, the Executive Director of federal 19th Amendment Commission, former Wisconsin Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch, Speaker of the House Adrienne Jones, and Dr. Marylou Yam of the Notre Dame of Maryland University will all make remarks. The tea favor will consist of a private label tea bag with #womensvote #100years #whatsnext printed on them and a K-cup coffee pod. The Commission approved the aforementioned marketing message. To remind invited guests, an email will be sent to those who have not yet RSVP'd.

The tea will provide a connection point to organizations and individuals that will create part of the network for the March 2020 event. We are hoping this event provides links for sponsorship opportunities. Maj Gen Singh noted there will be national news coverage planned for air in July focused on her leadership team. She is hoping the opportunity will present itself to work in the 19th Amendment Commission's efforts and the 2020 event.

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Del. McComas requested participants dress up from different eras, suffragettes or women in the military at the tea. Maj Gen Singh said that the event is happening too soon to organize that. However, she suggested that a slideshow with photos and music could be arranged to play during the tea. Catherine Kelly will follow up on this idea. Anyone who has additional, last minute names for tea invitations should send them to Catherine Kelly. The event is by invitation only, and invitations are non-transferrable.

Sen. Klausmeier met with two members of Women's Caucus, Del. Kittleman and Del. Young. She confirmed that the Women's Caucus wants to be involved, and they want to plan an event during the 2020 legislative session. Catherine Kelly indicated that the Executive Director of the Women's Caucus is already being included in communications and events.

**Media Inquiries** – At the last marker event, reporters requested a point of contact for background. For this event, contact information for Elizabeth Hughes, Emily Oland Squires and Cindy Miller were provided. Discussion regarding media relations supported we maintain one point of contact. Ms. Cindy Miller volunteered for the task. Ms. Miller will call on other Commissioners as necessary for information related to press inquiries.

Her contact information is:

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**Creative Contest** – Commissioner Caljean was not present at the meeting. However, she is still seeking jurors for the Creative Contest. Commissioner Squires re-circulated the contest details. Detailed information can be found at:

Contest Flyer:

<https://msa.maryland.gov/mdvotesforwomen/pdfs/student-contest-flyer.pdf>

Contest Guidelines:

<https://msa.maryland.gov/mdvotesforwomen/pdfs/student-contest-guidelines.pdf>

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Please send any names of potential jurors to Commissioner Caljean ([kcaljean@mdhs.org](mailto:kcaljean@mdhs.org)). The contest requires a pool of about 30 people willing serve as judges this fall. In the first round, judges will review submissions virtually (digital submissions). This round will be judged in mid-October 2019. Category finalists will submit their creations to be reviewed by the judges in person. The second round will be judged in November 2019. Commissioner Caljean will follow up with the contacts that you pass along with more specifics this summer.

**Marketing Materials** – The marketing team put out a Request for Proposal and will look at what the vendors have to offer as promotional materials for the Commission. They will bring ideas back to the full Commission for consideration. There is a meeting with vendors next Wednesday, and they will be using the logo and hashtags mentioned above for the tea items. The Commissioners may be polled to approve suggested items.

**New Business** – A Girl Scouts representative contacted Commissioner Diana Bailey. They have a day in Annapolis in February 2020 and would like to meet with members of the Commission at lunchtime. Details need to be fleshed out: Commissioner Bailey will follow up upon receipt of same.

Commissioner Bailey asked if the Commission has a budget from the past legislative session. Maj Gen Singh confirmed that we did get a budget, and that we have what we needed for the tea, marketing money, and some planning money for large centennial event. Catherine Kelly will send out the budget breakout to the Commission so they can see what money was received and how it is being committed. Del. McComas asked where the focus of fundraising should be, on companies or women's groups, etc. Maj Gen Singh suggested that we need to make relationships with any corporations that do outreach. Sen. Klausmeier noted she will send a Johns Hopkins point of contact to Catherine Kelly.

Ms. Cindy Miller stated that the Office of Tourism Development is moving forward with their plans of declaring "Year of the Woman" from August 2019 to August 2020. New women-specific pages will be added to the Visit Maryland website. Also organizations can upload information about events and prominent women in their industry to the website. There is also an icon which can be added to the calendar to denote specific events celebrating women. There will be a tourism media announcement in the next couple of weeks before the tea. Ms. Miller expects the announcement of the "Year of the Woman" to be made in August.

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Centennial Rides will be sponsoring a women's motorcycle tour (Suffragist Centennial Motorcycle Ride – SCMR2020). This event will be originating from 10 cities with female motorcyclists coming together to ride. They will stop and rest in Maryland before riding into Washington, DC. This could be a good thing to promote as August is the actual anniversary date of the ratification of suffrage.

Maj Gen Singh suggested that it would be nice if Raven and Orioles teams could focus on this commemoration. They should do a segment on "Year of the Woman" in their marketing. Catherine Kelly will follow up.

**Next meetings** – Because the next scheduled Commission meeting would follow so closely to the tea, it was cancelled. Instead the next Commission meeting will occur July 16, 2019 at the Fifth Regiment Armory and by phone (1-855-671-9892; passcode 6097#). Start time is 10:00 AM.

**Adjourn** – Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 AM.



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**Commission Meeting, Tuesday, July 16, 2019  
10:00 AM, Fifth Regiment Armory**

**Meeting Notes**

**Attendees:** Maj Gen Linda Singh (Chair), Diana Bailey, Elizabeth Hughes, Sen. Cheryl Kagan, (staffer Catherine Donoley also representing Cheryl Kagan), Sen. Kathleen Klausmeier, Emily Oland Squires, Ummu Bradley Thomas, Cindy Miller (representing Liz Fitzsimmons). Also in attendance: Maricka Oglesby (member of the public representing Notre Dame), Christine Valeriann (member of public representing Maryland NOW), Diane Hutchins (member of the public representing Maryland Zoo), Maj Chantal Fogarty and Col Latisha Lewis.

Maj Gen Singh called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Roll was taken.

**Suffrage Tea** - The Chair reported on the successful June Tea hosted by the Commission. There were over 140 guests in attendance. The program went well and the Chair received great feedback from the attendees. There are a number of individuals and organizations who have indicated that they are supportive in the Commission goals and mission. It was a fitting event for the centennial celebration. The Chair expressed her thanks to the team for helping to pull the event together, and she expressed her appreciation to the staff and volunteers who believe in the mission. Commissioner Bailey asked if the slide show that was used at the tea event, could be distributed to be used on other websites to promote the work of the Commission and the upcoming anniversary.

**Marker Events** – Oakland and St. Mary's City Historic Markers - Commissioner Elizabeth Hughes reported that Catherine Kelly has a meeting in August with the county to select a date and plan for the St. Mary's County marker event. The marker has been installed already, but there will be an unveiling ceremony. Possible dates are Saturdays this fall including September 21, 28, October 19 or 26.

For the Oakland marker in Garrett County, the SHA has been in touch with Jason King to approve the marker location at the courthouse. After the location has been approved, staff can work with the county to find an appropriate date for the unveiling.

Commissioner Diana Bailey added that we are awaiting final approval of the submitted text from the Pomeroy Foundation for the Goucher campus marker and the Augusta Chissell home marker in Baltimore. After the text is approved, then the markers need to be fabricated. Therefore, there is no word on dates for unveilings yet.

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**.March 7, 2020 Event** - The logistics planning for this culminating event is nearing completion. The date and site are set, as well as recruiting of overall support vendors. The team is working on securing additional industry support. Maricka Oglesby, of the College of Notre Dame is the Director of the WOW Festival. Ms. Oglesby is planning the logistics of the event which will be held on March 7 at Columbus Center and Pier 5 Hotel in Baltimore. The current plans are to offer thirty one-hour sessions during the Festival including talks, panels, workshops, classes, a marketplace, and 1000 person mainstage area.

In October, there will be open meetings called "think ins" that community can attend to say what they want to have on the program. The Chair remarked that the reason that we are partnering with WOW is to offer a wide variety of programming and collaboration to continue to support the advancement of rights for women. We want to have a wide, diverse group of individuals and age ranges participate to create a rich collaboration. Sen. Klausmeier asked if we might be able to invite a centenarian to the event and create a photo opportunity perhaps with a baby girl. Catherine from Sen. Kagan's office, asked if the "think ins" would be held across the state, or just in Baltimore City. Ms. Oglesby stated that they could be held across the state. Interested parties may ask to host a "think in" in different geographic regions, where WOW staff will facilitate the meetings for the host.

**Creative Contest** - The Contest is still in need of jurors to help judge the competition. Currently, we have 10 jurors, but need 20 to 30 people (3 for each category). The first round of judging to choose the finalists will be in the mid-October time period. Please send any juror information to Commissioner Caljean at [KCaljean@mdhs.org](mailto:KCaljean@mdhs.org) as soon as possible. The Chair will send a note out asking for support to targeted individuals in her network. Commissioner Bailey asked if we could follow up with interested individuals at the tea. The Chair said she will follow up with a postcard email that goes out to attendees to follow up.

**Budget Update** - The FY19 budget was expended for the tea and the contact/deposit costs for planning the March 7 event. The funding for FY20 is exclusively for the marker events and March 7, 2020 event. There are a number of organizations that have contacted us wanting other support for their events, but we do not have additional funding for other programming and other organizations. We need to be judicious with our funds to complete our current goals and mission.

**Marketing Materials** - The team reviewed marketing materials with the Chair who gave approval to purchase some items for the Commission. The Commission logo will be



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printed on the marketing items that will be able to be given out at the upcoming marker and March events. They have small quantities to give to guest speakers as special gifts and to give out to special contributors. Ms. Miller stated that travel mugs, lunch bags, desk clocks are examples of giveaways. They will be given out at marker events and March 7 events to help promote the Commission, maybe "think ins" depending on the number of people. Commissioner Oland Squires mentioned that she would be happy to add copies of all marketing materials to the Commission's archival files to document the work of the group.

**New Business** - Commissioner Bailey indicated that she was contacted by the Girl Scouts who will be hosting a day this winter in Annapolis. She has been asked if the Commissioners might be willing/available to greet them and explain mission of the Commission and the importance of suffrage. The tentative Date is February 20, 2020. Diana will facilitate the event.

Commissioner Hughes stated that the National Trust for Historic Preservation is trying to connect with sites associated with Women's Suffrage, particularly those in danger. The Trust is working with the sites on the Women's Heritage Trail in Maryland. The Commissioners were asked to provide any additional sites for consideration to Commissioner Hughes.

Commissioner Bailey has a workgroup working on the biographies of significant women. This group is working on 50 biographies for exhibit, but there are 100 bios that have more information. The group is offering this information to the Commission for websites. The bio work is set to be completed this calendar year, and the exhibit panels will be started in January, but money will need to be raised for the panels. Commissioner Bailey did send a cost estimate for the exhibit to the Chair's office which she will review.

The Chair announced that she is retiring from the Military Department near the end of the summer. She will continue to serve as the Commission Chair through the centennial event, and has gotten approval from the Governor to do so. She is committed to completing the mission of the organization.

**Next meetings** – August 20, 2019– Fifth Regiment Armory/Call-in  
September 17, 2019 - location to be determined

**Adjourn** – Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 AM.



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**Commission Meeting, Tuesday, August 20, 2019  
10:00 AM, Fifth Regiment Armory**

**Meeting Notes**

**Attendees:** Maj Gen Linda Singh (Chair), Elizabeth Hughes, Sen. Cheryl Kagan, Sen. Kathleen Klausmeier, Delegate Susan McComas, Ummu Bradley Thomas,. Also in attendance: Maricka Oglesby (member of the public representing Notre Dame), Christine Valeriann (member of public representing Maryland NOW), Jennifer Haire (member of the public representing League of Women Voters of Baltimore County), Maj Chantal Fogarty and Lt Col Latisha Lewis, Lt Col Mathew Deener and Catherine Kelly.

Maj Gen Singh called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Roll was taken.

**Chair's Opening Remarks** – MG Singh noted that Channel 4 did a feature story on the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment upcoming events occurring in the District of Columbia (not events that the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission are doing). A conversation regarding the need to get media interest in the Commission activities ensued. A media plan should be developed. Sen. Kagan volunteered to assist. Senators Klausmier and Kagan shared the National Conference of State Legislators' session regarding the Centennial. Sen. Klausmier shared our Commission's events and programs at the session. Sen. Klausmier will share the conference contact to add to our network.

**Marker Events** – Oakland and St. Mary's City Historic Markers – St. Mary's County, Historic St. Mary's City are partnering with the Commission to host the September 28, 2019 marker event. The President of the County Commissioners has agreed to speak, we have identified a local Girl Scout troop to lead the pledge of allegiance as well as local clergy to provide the invocation. The Oakland marker in Garrett County, the SHA has been in touch with Jason King to approve the marker location at the courthouse, which has been approved. Staff has been in contact with the County Administrator to schedule the event. The target date is October 26, 2019. Both marker events are scheduled to begin at 11am.

**March 7, 2020 Event** - The logistics planning for this culminating event is nearing completion. The date and site are set, as well as recruiting of overall support vendors. Maricka Oglesby, of the College of Notre Dame of Maryland is the Director of the WOW Festival. Ms. Oglesby reported that on September 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be an initial interest meeting with key individuals and organizations. At this meeting the Festival Advisory Board will be fully described i.e. purpose, time commitments and goals etc. The selection process for same will also be presented. The selection process will take

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approximately two weeks. The meeting info: September 28, 2019 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm at College of Notre Dame of Maryland. Select tea attendees, commission members will be among those on the guest list.

**Creative Contest** - Katie Caljean submitted the following report:

### **“Schedule:**

- June 1, 2019 – Opening date for digital submissions via Google Drive
- July-August 2019 – Volunteer contest judges will be identified
- September 9, 2019 – Judges will be sent instructions for first round selections to determine finalists
- October 11, 2019 – Deadline for digital submissions via Google Drive
- November 12-23, 2019 – Judges will review submissions via Google Drive and select finalists
- December 2, 2019 – Finalists for each county in each medium category will be announced
- December 9, 2019 – Finalists will receive instructions for physical submission of their work, which will be judged to determine the 5 state winners (one for each medium category)
- January 13-24, 2020 – Judges will review physical submissions and select 5 state winners
- January 31, 2020 – 5 state winners will be announced
- March 2020 – All finalists will be invited to the culminating event in Annapolis

### **Submissions:**

- There is a Google Drive set up and active for contest submissions: mdsuffragecommission@gmail.com
- Currently, there are no submissions in the Google Drive. With school resuming in September, we need your help to engage and excite educators, administrators, and influencers about the contest.

### **Marketing:**

- The Creative Contest was sent out with the document packet created by the Maryland State Archives via email to teachers in January 2019.
- MdHS will be including the contest information in our monthly e-newsletters to teacher and county social studies coordinators.
- MdHS education staff is currently providing professional development workshops to teachers throughout Maryland. We plan to serve 10 counties in August and September. We focus on teaching with primary sources and discuss educational resources that MdHS has to offer teachers. Maryland State Archives has compiled a document packet for students to use for research, please see here for more: <https://bit.ly/2ZZ5kaG>. As part of our relationship with Maryland Humanities, we

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promote and participate in National History Day (NHD) as an opportunity for research and outlet for student work. Each year there is a different theme for NHD. 2019-2020 is appropriately themed "Breaking Barriers in History": [www.nhd.org/breaking-barriers-history](http://www.nhd.org/breaking-barriers-history). This summer we also are highlighting the Creative Contest as an opportunity for students.

### **Judges:**

- We are still seeking judges for the Creative Contest. 10 people have offered their assistance, but 20-30 individuals would be ideal. Please email [kcaljean@mdhs.org](mailto:kcaljean@mdhs.org) if you or someone you know would be interested."

Ms. Haire offered provide name(s) of potential contest judges from her organization.

MG Singh agreed to be a judge and encouraged all to volunteer. She also noted that at an upcoming meeting with Black and Decker she will ask appropriate representatives if they would like to be judges. The Chair suggested linking up with the Boys and Girls club, Junior Achievement, 4-H clubs, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts to share the contest info and invite their participation.

**Marketing Materials** - The marketing materials have been ordered. As noted at the last meeting the Commission logo will be printed on the marketing items that will be able to be given out at the upcoming marker and March events. They have small quantities of lunch bags to give to guest speakers as special gifts and to give out to special contributors.

**New Business** – MG Singh shared that she expects the Commission to disband following the completion of planned Commission events.

**Next meetings** – September 17, 2019 – Fifth Regiment Armory or call-in. The number will be sent closer to the meeting. **NOTE: Time change for this meeting only will be at 2:00pm.**

October 15, 2019 – at 10:00 am place and call-in TBD

**Adjourn** – Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 AM. These notes were prepared by Catherine Kelly on behalf of Ms. Oland Squires who was not able to attend.



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**Commission Meeting, Tuesday, September 17, 2019  
2:00 PM, Fifth Regiment Armory**

**Meeting Notes**

**Attendees:** Dr. Linda Singh (Chair), Lee Bacchu, Diana Bailey, Elizabeth Hughes, Sen. Cheryl Kagan, Cindy Miller, Emily Oland Squires, Roberta Sharper,. Also in attendance: Maricka Oglesby (member of the public representing Notre Dame), Judith Smith (member of the public representing The DuBois Circle), Christine Valeriann (member of the public representing Maryland NOW), Brig Gen Janeen Birkhead and Catherine Kelly.

Dr. Singh called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM. Roll was taken.

**Chair's Opening Remarks** – Dr. Singh noted that plans are moving ahead well for all of the upcoming planned Commission events. She stated that she will have a new email address and phone number circulated for use by the Commissioners and the Commission website. She is very excited about how the plans are coming together for the March 2020 culminating event partnering with the WOW Festival and the College of Notre Dame. The theme of this event is truly global and a celebration of women's empowerment worldwide. It will be a powerful event.

**Marker Events** – Oakland and St. Mary's City Historic Markers – St. Mary's County, Historic St. Mary's City are partnering with the Commission to host the September 28, 2019 marker event at 11:00am. The President of the County Commissioners has agreed to speak, we have identified a local Girl Scout troop to lead the pledge of allegiance as well as local clergy to provide the invocation. BG Birkhead share some remarks on behalf of the Chair and Cindy Miller will be the emcee and Commissioner Hughes will provide the historic marker overview. The public invitation has been placed on the Commission's website (<https://msa.maryland.gov/mdvotesforwomen/>) and has been emailed to the Commissioners. Commissioners are directed to share this invitation with their networks and encourage your stakeholders to participate. The Oakland marker in Garrett County is in progress, and the marker location at the courthouse has been approved. The event date for this unveiling is October 26, 2019 at 11:00am and the invitation will be forthcoming.

In addition to the State Historic Markers, Diana Bailey shared that two markers have been approved by the Pomeroy Foundation and are in production. One will be at Augusta Chissell's home in Baltimore, and the local church group has agreed to host an event on November 23rd. A flyer will go out with more details soon. The other marker

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will be at Goucher College and the projected event date for the unveiling is early November. This ceremony may be on a weekday, to afford more Goucher participation. More details will be forthcoming on both of these grant funded markers, which have allowed us the opportunity to place plaques on non-state property.

**March 7, 2020 Event** - The planning for this culminating event is almost completion. The Chair thanks Ms. Oglesby and the partners at the College of Notre Dame for their work. The date, site, and support vendors are set and the programming is coming into focus. One example of a program being planned is a panel called "Project Divide" offering a discussion about finding common ground not dividing points at this pivotal time in our history. All Commissioners should have received an announcement and invitation to the September 23<sup>rd</sup> WOW Festival Information and Interest Session at Doyle Formal Lounge, Notre Dame of Maryland University at 5:30pm Both Dr. Yam, Dr. Singh and the WOW Global Ambassador will be speaking.

**Creative Contest** - We are still seeking judges for the Creative Contest. Please contact Katie Caljean (kcaljean@mdhs.org) at your earliest convenience if you or someone in your network is willing to volunteer. The submission period for creative works is open until October 11, so please encourage your constituents and stakeholders to participate. Diana Bailey stated that she re-shared the curriculum and contest information during a recent meeting with department of education staff who want to share Commission events in schools, and Emily Oland Squires reported that the Archives participated in several professional development days for teachers this summer where both the educational packet and contest information was shared. Ms. Bailey indicated that Preservation Maryland have begun to share our materials, and it would be good to have contacts in the National Parks Service as well as the Boy and Girl Scouts.

**Suffragette Motorcycle Ride** - Cindy Miller indicated that the Office of Tourism has been working with Lisa Molachowski on the planning of a motorcycle ride to commemorate suffrage in August next year. The approximately 500 member group is selecting a route and planning to spend 2 to 3 days in Maryland, then doing a ceremonial ride into DC, and then spending another 2 to 3 days in Maryland. Ms. Miller is providing assistance on finding places to stay and meet during their ride. Dr. Singh has been asked to help the group with escort services. Sen. Kagan indicated that she went to college with the group's organizer and would be happy to provide assistance as needed. Dr. Singh indicated that she would like Ms. Miller to remain the point of contact for the whole event and that Ms. Miller could reach out to Sen. Kagan.



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**New Business** – Diana Bailey indicated that the Maryland Women's Heritage Center has applied for a Maryland Humanities Grant to support the suffrage traveling exhibit. She has a group that has been working hard on the biographies, and has applied for funding for the design and fabrication of the exhibit. She is still looking for other sources of funding. Emily Oland Squires suggested that the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority may have mini-grant funding that could be applied for in this case.

Dr. Singh shared that the Maryland Commission for Women and Foundation reached out for partnership support from the 19th Amendment Commission. She indicated that we want to be as helpful and supportive to other organizations as possible, while still focusing on the strong completion of our own planned calendar of events. The Maryland Commission for Women would like support for their August 2020 Women's Leadership Summit. While we need to be selective about how much support we can provide to other organizations for their events, the Maryland Commission for Women and their event is important for us. It will take place at the actual 100th Anniversary date, so it will not take away from our own event in March. Dr. Singh is working on an agreement between Commissions which will include us helping to promote their summit, the use of our logo on their materials, her speaking at their event, and them helping to provide Creative Contest judges. Once this August event is over, the 19th Amendment Commission's own events will also be done, so the Commission will disband.

Emily Oland Squires reported that it is time to draft and submit the annual report of the 19th Amendment Commission, and that she will be getting something to Dr. Singh for her review and signature in the coming weeks so that it can be submitted by December 1, 2019.

Sen. Kagan reported that the Women's Legislative Caucus met in retreat this past weekend and indicated that they were working with the Commission on events. She wanted to be sure that this was the case and we are working to cross promote. Also, she wanted to acknowledge the passing today of Cokie Roberts and all she has done for women's suffrage in terms of research, writing, speaking, and education.

Ms. Judith Smith indicated that the next meeting of the DuBois Circle will be the third Saturday in October and that the group is focused on suffrage commemorations. She will share our events.

**Next meetings** – October 15, 2019 – Maryland State Archives at 10:00am;  
No meeting in November; December 10, 2019 - Location TBD at 10:00am.

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**Adjourn** – Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 PM.

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**Commission Meeting, Tuesday, October 15, 2019  
10:00AM, Maryland State Archives**

**Meeting Notes**

**Attendees:** Dr. Linda Singh (Chair), Diana Bailey, Elizabeth Hughes, Cindy Miller, Emily Oland Squires, Evelyne Steward. Also in attendance: Lydia McPherson-Shambarger representing Sen. Cheryl Kagan, Evan Richards representing Sen. Kathleen Klausmeier, Christine Valeriann (member of the public representing Maryland NOW).

Dr. Singh called the meeting to order at 10:02AM. Roll was taken.

**Chair's Opening Remarks** – Dr. Singh noted that plans are moving ahead well for March 7 event in Baltimore. She stated she has joined the board of the WOW Festival to help keep the Commission informed and plans synchronized between the groups and the College of Notre Dame. The first board meeting is on October 16, so she will have more information to share at the next meeting. In addition to the March WOW Festival, the Commission has also agreed to participate in the August Maryland Commission for Women event, 2020 Women's Centennial Summit on August 26. More to come on this event, as plans develop. Perhaps our representatives from the Maryland Commission for Women, (Ummu Bradley-Thomas and our new member Evelyne Steward) could be prepared at future meetings to give a report on the development of this event as it progresses and any opportunities for Commissioners who wish to participate.

**Marker Events** – Dr. Singh thanked team for presenting a wonderful historic marker unveiling at Historic St. Mary's City on September 28, 2019. We had Gen. Birkhead giving remarks along with the participation of President of the County Commissioners, Commissioner Hughes, Dr. Regina Faden, Sen. Jack Bailey, Del. Brian Crosby, and Ms. Cindy Miller emceeding the program. A local girl scout troop said the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a local provided the invocation. Commission marketing materials were handed out at the event as well. The Oakland marker in Garrett County is the next unveiling coming up this month. The event date for this unveiling is October 26, 2019 at 11:00am and the invitation has been circulated and posted online. Commissioners are directed to share this invitation with their networks and encourage your stakeholders to participate. The event will be held on the courthouse lawn, or the courthouse rotunda in case of bad weather. The Mayor of Oakland will be speaking, with possible participation by Sen. Edwards and Del. Beitzel. In addition a girl scout troop will lead the pledge and County Commissioner Larry Tichnell will give the invocation.

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In addition to the State Historic Markers, Diana Bailey gave an update that the first Pomeroy Marker is set to be unveiled at Augusta Chissell's home in Baltimore on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11am. Dr. Singh agreed to represent the Commission and give remarks. All Commissioners are welcomed to attend. A flyer has been circulated to all Commissioners and the event is posted on the Commission website. Commissioners are directed to share this invitation with their networks and encourage your stakeholders to participate. Maryland Women's Heritage Center is also reaching out to local elected officials including the Mayor's Office.

The next Pomeroy marker will be at Goucher College and the projected event date for the unveiling is March 2020. More details will be forthcoming this event

Another Pomeroy marker is being worked on for Sandy Spring in Montgomery County Maryland to recognize the work of Quaker women in the fight for suffrage. There are also two more potential markers in the drafting mode. Please note that this private grant funding to the Maryland Women's Heritage Center is allowing for markers to be fabricated and placed on private properties not accessible to State Highway Administration markers.

**Creative Contest** - No update given, as Commissioner Katie Caljean was not in attendance. However, if you have any other possible judges, or would be willing to judge yourself, please contact her directly ([kcaljean@mdhs.org](mailto:kcaljean@mdhs.org)). Also, if you have any opportunity to promote the contest to get more student entries, please do so. All information is on our website. There should be a complete update in December with information on number of entries received and where the judging stands.

**New Business** – Diana Bailey reported that the Maryland Women's Heritage Center has applied for a Maryland Humanities Grant to support the suffrage traveling exhibit. She thanked Commissioner Emily Oland Squires for providing a letter of support from the Archives, which also mentioned the Commission. There are 39 applicants and 10 expected grants. She received positive feedback from in initial review. The team of volunteers is moving forward with editing down the biographies, and they have hopes of having at least part of the exhibit for the March 7 event.

Ms. Christine Valeriann asked the Commission to consider supporting 2020 Women's Equality Day celebration. This will be a free public, statewide event held in parks and farmers markets across Maryland. It will occur on August 22 and 23, the weekend before the Maryland Commission for Women's summit event. This could be a good place to promote that event. Commissioner Bailey and Ms. Valeriann encouraged the

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Commission to be a "encouragement level" coalition partner. This would have the Commission assist in marking and promoting the event, but would not require a financial contribution. So far, there are committed host sites in Garrett County, on the Eastern Shore, and in Baltimore. Therefore, this is already statewide, and the Women's Equality group is currently talking with getting other counties involved. This event would be an opportunity for local groups to have tables set up to hand out information about their own events and activities, for example the Maryland Commission for Women could have local representation at each event for networking and membership drives. The goal of this event is to have it be accessible to all women, no/low cost, and get the work out across the state not to just the same group that always comes to these events. The Daily record is a financial supporter and indicates that there has never been a state-wide simultaneous event such as this before.

Hearing no concerns about the potential of the Commission becoming an encouragement level partner, Dr. Singh requested the toolkit and information packet. She needs to get all of the specific details about the plans and message before we can officially commit to putting our name on the event. Ms. Valeriann said toolkits are reserved for committed partners, but she could send a fact sheet. She has been asked to follow up. Ms. Miller indicated that she had a meeting with the DNR parks administration coming up on October 24 at Seneca Creek Park, and if she could be helpful spreading the word about the needs of this event, Ms. Valeriann should reach out to her. Ms. Miller can also supply them with a link to allow people to get their activities easily on to the statewide VisitMD.org website for promotional support. Commissioner Evelyne Steward said that the Maryland Commission for Women would likely want to support, and she could take the information to their next meeting. She also asked if she could have a fact sheet/toolkit. She also suggested that Ms. Valeriann work with the Chambers of Commerce in the local areas. Ms. Valeriann agreed to follow up with information to Ms. Steward.

Dr. Singh said a written report on the budget was forthcoming, but was not ready for this meeting. This will show what funds we have, how they have been encumbered and if we have any remaining to financially support any other efforts. Commissioner Bailey asked about the support for a prize of the Maryland Humanities Council History Day for the best suffrage project. Dr. Singh thinks that is in the budget as a scholarship, but will not know for sure until she gets the full report.

Commissioner Elizabeth Hughes stated that Preservation Maryland is partnering with the Women's Legislative Caucus on an upcoming event featuring a panel discussion about suffrage by Sheila Kast, Dr. Martha Jones, and Elaine Weiss, and asked if the Commission had been made aware. Dr. Singh said we had not. Ms. McPherson-

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Shambarger, of Sen. Kagan's office, was also not aware of the event. Mr. Richards from Sen. Klausmeier's office said he was, and would send more details forward. He did know that the date was January 29 and suggested that we be in touch with Catherine Hill, the Executive Director of the Women's Caucus.

Commissioner Bailey invited all Commissioners to a November Maryland Women's Heritage Center event with speakers Dr. Diane Weaver. Commissioners should have received a flyer from her.

Ms. Valeriann asked if the Commission was going to pursue any legislation or proclamations during the upcoming session. Dr. Singh said that the Maryland Commission for Women were already at work on a centennial proclamation and it was in the works after having a slight delay. The timing is just being worked out, but it is already happening. Ms. Valeriann asked if there was any interest in getting support for the ERA, and Dr. Singh indicated that she did not want to overlap resources. Perhaps the Commissioners from the legislature could speak more to any legislative agenda that they might have at a future meeting when they are on the call.

**Next meetings –** No meeting in November;  
December 10, 2019 - Maryland State Archives at 10:00am.

**Adjourn –** Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55AM.