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2018 in Review - President Josh Moe

As 2018 comes to a close, Preservation Iowa wants to thank all its members for a great year and to reflect upon our shared successes.

Preservation Iowa sent board members to Le Mars to teach Preservation 101 classes and to Des Moines and Washington, DC to advocate for preservation-friendly policy. PI was a sponsor for the National Alliance of Preservation Councils' National Conference in Des Moines and the upcoming Celebrate Iowa Gala, too. We supported the Country School Preservation Conference in Madison County and issued mini-grants for one-room school preservation.



Preservation at Its Best awards this year were held at the Downtown Conference in Waterloo and this year we partnered with Iowa Economic Development Authority. Iowa's Most Endangered continued to illuminate preservation needs across the state. We have many more achievements and none would be possible without the generosity of our members, our board, and our advisors.

In 2018 Iowans elected two new US House Representatives--Abby Finkenauer (IA 1st) and Cindy Axne (IA 3rd)--and elected Kim Reynolds to be our governor. Please take time to congratulate these women and then remind them that you care about historic preservation because preservation is good for Iowa.

At our annual meeting in Des Moines this year, Bruce Perry was elected to serve as Preservation Iowa's next President. Bruce's very successful hands-on experience in his home town of Sac City will bring a new dimension to Preservation Iowa. Like many small towns in

Iowa, it is shrinking; however, unlike many small towns it is getting better as it shrinks. Preservation has been a key driver in what's being called "Shrink Smart."

Finally, please consider making a year-end donation to Preservation Iowa. We rely upon your financial contributions to build partnerships that enhance our economic and cultural future through the preservation of Iowa's historic resources.

PLEASE GIVE NOW



As we approach the end of 2018, we ask for your financial support. Tax-deductible donations help promote preservation of Iowa's architectural treasures. When applying for grant or advocating to legislators, a large number of supporters is an important consideration. As a state-wide organization, Preservation Iowa is able to advocate for preservation, present educational programs about the economic importance of preserving our past, maintain a directory of those who specialize in preservation, and serve as a resource for those seeking information about preservation activities.

To donate, visit <http://www.preservationiowa.org/about/become-a-member/>

or mail your donation to

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Cedar Rapids, IA 52406

Message from the incoming President

It takes many hands working together to share the joy of preservation in Iowa. As newly-elected president of Preservation Iowa, I am excited to lend a hand and look forward to working with enthusiasts throughout the state to continue great preservation efforts, increase public awareness of the importance of preservation, and tell the story of the many wonderful cultural and architectural treasures that make Iowa a great place. In addition to the PI board, there are various committees that need assistance. Please consider lending a hand as we work together.



Email president@preservationiowa.org to volunteer. Bruce Perry.



Thanks to Josh Moe for his remarkable leadership as Preservation Iowa President and Laura Sadowsky for her tireless work as Preservation Iowa Secretary. Their service to PI has been tremendous.

Thanks in advance for their continued support of Preservation Iowa.



Save the date: Preserve Iowa Summit is June 6-8 in Newton. Check out more details <https://iowaculture.gov/history/preservation/education-and-outreach/preserve-iowa-summit>



Most Endangered Property Update - Red Bridge, Jasper County

In 2017 Preservation Iowa designated Red Bridge as an Iowa Most Endangered property. Since then a Save Red Bridge movement has formed. The endangered designation catalyzed citizens of Jasper County to petition the Board of Supervisors not to demolish it. Although the Board has yet to support the project financially, they

have not obstructed efforts to secure funding from elsewhere. In the summer of 2018 SHPO approved a plan to relocate the bridge to the community of Colfax, where it will cross the Skunk River and connect a large city park, Quarry Springs, to the downtown business district. SHPO's approval means the structure can stay on the National Register of Historic Places, thereby maintaining its eligibility for grants. Local and state news media have covered the story throughout. The Newton Daily News has had a handful of articles that show how the movement picked up steam. Recently, WHO Radio/TV Channel 13 news covered the story as well.

In December 2018 a group of engineering students from the University of Iowa completed a study of Red Bridge's Phase 3 relocation and rehabilitation. The study was organized by Jasper County Hometown Pride Coach Jeff Davidson and carried out in cooperation with key leaders in Colfax, including Mayor David Mast, and Quarry Springs Park Board members Kim Seebeck, Doug Garret, Shannon Pell, Greg Rhames, and Pete Parvi. They did an in-depth study of the bridge's superstructure, devised plans for moving it overland with a tractor trailer, and designed a concept of what the bridge would look like in its new home. Their work is a valuable contribution to the National Register of Historic Places amendment application, as it lays out a completed framework for Red Bridge that includes planning for all three phases of the project. With these new materials the Save Red Bridge Group will resubmit the National Register application to the State Historic Preservation Office for review.

Citizens of Jasper County have pledged about \$10,000 towards the project. A Poweshiek County-based contractor, Work'n Bridges, has offered to bid the rehabilitation work for a reasonable rate. Boulder Contracting out of Grundy Center has bid Phase 1 crane extraction at \$82,000. This is the company involved with the Jurgenson Bridge project in Madison County. A local house moving company, Billy Bell House Movers, has bid Phase 2 relocation at \$45,000. Because the move impacts the power grid, MidAmerican Energy and Alliant Energy are involved

and are openly collaborating. The third and final phase, reconstruction and conversion into a pedestrian bridge in the City of Colfax, has yet to be bid.

— Submitted by Joe Otto

National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week

SAVE THE DATE! Preservation Action and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) are pleased to announce National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week 2019 will take place March 12-14 at the Kimpton Palomar Hotel in Washington, DC.

Preservation Action and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Offices (NCSHPO) organize our industry's Advocacy Week each year, bringing over 250 preservationists to Washington, DC to promote sound federal preservation policy and programs.



Advocacy Week registration includes in-depth training and policy briefings and white papers from an array of preservation and policy professionals. Ticketed events offer additional meetings with elected officials, their staff, and a national network of preservation advocates. For more information, visit <http://preservationaction.org/actioncenter/advocacyweek/>

PRESERVATION ACTION: ADVOCACY UPDATE

Preservation Action is a 501(c)4 nonprofit organization created in 1974 to serve as the national grassroots lobby for historic preservation. Preservation Action seeks to make historic preservation a national priority by advocating to all branches of the federal government for sound preservation policy and programs through a grassroots constituency empowered with information and training and through direct contact with elected representatives. Preservation Iowa is a member of Preservation Action's State and Local Preservation Network and participates in their monthly conference calls.

For more information, visit www.preservationaction.org.

Congressional Candidate Survey: Between July-September, Preservation Action's 2018 Survey was sent (via email) to the U.S House and Senate candidates in every state. Preservation Action surveyed Congressional candidates for the 2018 Midterm election to keep Americans informed on where their candidates for office stand on the National Historic Preservation Program. Preservation Action received responses from nearly 150 congressional candidates, representing 37 states and the District of Columbia. The results show historic preservation is a bipartisan issue and recognized as an important federal policy initiative by candidates from across the country.

Overall Survey Results	
99%	Support the Historic Preservation Fund
98%	Support the Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program
96%	Support considering the impact of potential infrastructure legislation on historic resources

Results by Party			
Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other	
100%	100%	96%	
99%	97%	96%	
100%	97%	88%	

2018 Preservation At Its Best Awards

In August 2018, Preservation Iowa announced their annual “Preservation at Its Best Awards” at the Historic Elks Lodge in Waterloo, Iowa. Preservation Iowa gave 11 awards in nine categories. Each year Preservation Iowa seeks to honor historic preservation successes. In doing so, we hope to inspire others to take action to preserve, protect, and promote Iowa’s historic resources. Additionally, these projects highlight the work being done around the state to preserve our historic infrastructures by repurposing them to allow reintegration into their local communities. Many of these projects encourage community growth by stimulating the local economy through housing, food industry, and bringing Iowans back into their historic districts which encourages the preservation of the Iowa’s rich heritage.

See the award winners on the Preservation Iowa Website at <http://www.preservationiowa.org/programs/preservation-at-its-best-awards/>

2018 Iowa Downtown Conference
Waterloo, Iowa



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