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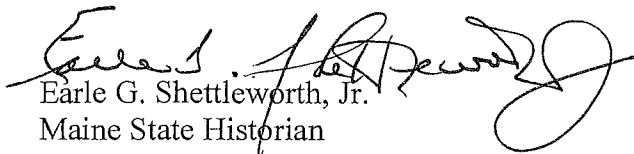
Senator Brian D. Longley, Senate Chair
Representative Victoria P. Kornfield, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Services
100 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0100

Dear Senator Longley & Representative Kornfield:

In response to your letter of April 21, 2015, I am pleased to submit a program evaluation report for the Office of State Historian.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance regarding this report. I would be glad to discuss it with your committee at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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Office of State Historian

1. Enabling legislation: Attached.
2. Federal laws/ rules & State laws/rules: Non-applicable.
3. The State Historian performs the following duties:
 - A. Researches, writes, and publishes at least one major book relating to Maine history each year. In 2015 the State Historian authored a catalogue for an exhibition at the University of New England Gallery in Portland entitled, "The Paintings of John Calvin Stevens" and co-authored a book entitled, "Maine Photography: A History, 1840-2015", to be published by Down East.
 - B. Lectures on Maine history in the areas of his expertise. In 2015 the State Historian gave 40 public lectures relating to Maine history, architecture, art, and photography.
 - C. Assists in the preparation of exhibits relating to Maine history. In 2015 the State Historian served as a guest curator for the John Calvin Stevens painting exhibit at the University of New England and as guest curator for the Early Maine Photography exhibit at the Maine Historical Society in Portland.
 - D. Responds to historical inquiries from the Governor, the Legislature, and the public. In 2015 the State Historian responded by e-mail, telephone, and in person to numerous public requests for historical information as well as directed researchers to sources that would assist them in answering their historical and genealogical questions.
4. The Office of State Historian is occupied by the State Historian, who has no staff.
5. Legal compliance: Non-applicable.
6. Since its establishment by the Legislature in 1907, the Office of State Historian has received an annual \$500 general fund appropriation, which in recent times has been used by the State Historian to defray travel expenses for public lecturing. Since 2004 this appropriation has been merged with the all other general fund account of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission.
7. Regulatory agenda/rules: Non-applicable.
8. The Office of the State Historian works closely with the following state agencies to achieve program objectives:
 - A. Maine Historic Preservation Commission
 - B. Maine State Museum
 - C. Maine State Library
 - D. Maine Arts Commission
 - E. Maine State Archives
 - F. Maine Historical Society
9. The Office of State Historian serves the following constituencies, which are prescribed by law or by practice:
 - A. Governor
 - B. Legislature
 - C. Public
 - D. Historical societies
 - E. Museums
 - F. Libraries

G. Cultural organizations

H. Educators

I. Genealogists

10. Alternative delivery systems: Non-applicable.

11. In addition to the activities cited above, the State Historian has undertaken several projects that he believed would be of interest to the Maine public. These have included creating websites for the state's Civil War monuments and its governors. Preparatory to the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the State Historian convened a committee of interested individuals and organizations to promote projects that would generate public interest in Maine's participation in the war. Recently, the State Historian has convened a similar committee to consider how Maine will observe the upcoming centennial of World War I, which will occur between April, 2017 and November, 2018. This committee includes representatives from the Maine State Museum, the Maine State Library, the Adjutant General, the Maine Historical Society, and veterans' organizations. Already the Maine State Museum and the Maine Historical Society have committed to major exhibitions about World War I, and the State Historian has developed a new power point lecture on the subject. In addition to World War I, the State of Maine needs to address how it will celebrate its bicentennial in 2020. The State Historian is participating with members of the Cultural Affairs Council in this discussion.

12. Information policies: Non-applicable.

13. Paperwork: Non-applicable.

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§261. Appointment

The Governor shall appoint the State Historian. The State Historian must be a resident of the State, a member of an historical society in the State and distinguished as a researcher, writer, lecturer or teacher of Maine history. In making the appointment, the Governor shall consider any recommendation for the position by the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council. The term of appointment for the State Historian is 4 years or until a successor is appointed and qualified. Reappointment is permitted. [1999, c. 706, §5 (RPR).]

SECTION HISTORY

1975, c. 771, §292 (AMD). 1999, c. 706, §5 (RPR).

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§267. Expenses

The actual cash expenses of the State Historian incurred while in the discharge of official duties, including any sum necessarily contracted by the State Historian for clerical assistance, must be paid from the State Treasury but may not exceed \$500 a year. Any portion of said amount may be expended by the State Historian, under the direction of the Governor, in the publication of historical matter and data relating to the history of the State. Funding for the activities of the State Historian must be appropriated to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. [2001, c. 439, Pt. O, §1 (AMD).]

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1969, c. 318, §2 (AMD). 1975, c. 771, §293 (AMD). 2001, c. 439, §01 (AMD).

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§268. Duties

The duties of the State Historian are: [1999, c. 706, §7 (NEW) .]

1. History and heritage. To enhance the knowledge of Maine citizens of the State's history and heritage;

[1999, c. 706, §7 (NEW) .]

2. Teaching of history. To encourage the teaching of Maine history in the public schools;

[1999, c. 706, §7 (NEW) .]

3. Consult. To serve as consultant to the Governor and Legislature on matters pertaining to Maine history;

[1999, c. 706, §7 (NEW) .]

4. Lecture. To lecture on topics of Maine history within the historian's area of expertise as determined appropriate by the State Historian;

[1999, c. 706, §7 (NEW) .]

5. Respond to inquiries. To respond to inquiries about the existence and location of documents, artifacts and other materials of Maine history; and

[1999, c. 706, §7 (NEW) .]

6. Report. To report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over cultural affairs during the first regular session of each legislative biennium.

[1999, c. 706, §7 (NEW) .]

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