

## Wyoming Semiquincentennial (250th) Meeting

April 8, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

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Meeting #5

AGENDA

- **Call to Order** - Representative Sandy Newsome, Task Force Chairman
  
- **Roll Call** - Kate Barlow or Nick Neylon
  - Representative Sandy Newsome
  - Senator Wendy Schuler
  - Justice Kari Gray
  - Councilwoman Teresa His Chase
  - Nick Neylon,
  - Diane Shober's Designee Piper Singer
  - Dr. Paul Flesher
  - Greg Blikre
  - Cindy Brown
  - Kevin Voyles
  - Joanna Kail
  - Shawn Reese
  - Rebecca West
  
- **Update from the Chairman:** Rep. Newsome not much of an update.
  - Questions for Governor's Office
    - Letterhead
    - Using funds for Per Diem
    - Block Grants
  
- **Committee Reports**
  - **Theme Committee:** Rebecca West  
Nothing to report absorbed in to community engagement and marketing committees
  
  - **Timeline/Scheduling:** Representative Newsome  
This in the works waiting on answers from Governor's office
  
  - **Community Outreach:** Co-Chairman Shawn Reese

- 1) local coordination: met with WAM and WCCA discuss they recommend something streamlined and suggested that a representative from taskforce present to their upcoming meetings have them provide feedback to taskforce on what will be helpful to local government
- 2) development of guidebook: divided into smaller committee to draft guidebook, in line with theme, list of resources, and best practices
- 3) Advancement of statewide programs: identifying existing programs that could be used to advance 250th

- **250th Events at the Capitol:** Justice Gray  
April 29th meeting looking at information from capitol opening, coordinating with the City of Cheyenne, looking at the timeline for events leading up to July 2026. Will have more to report next meeting

**K-12 Curriculum:** Superintendent Degenfelder

Senator Shober found a good resource from the humanities that is worth looking at. Councilwoman His Chase would like to be added to committee

- **Marketing:** Diane Shober: Finalizing a website contract from micro-site, tourism will be paying for site and will ask for reimbursement (\$150,000), timeline TBD but would like to live by summer. Wyoming logo in the process using the National logo until completed, asking for a timeline. Digital media placement budget being worked on.
- **Fundraising/Grants/Legislative Appropriation:** Representative Newsome and Nick Neylon  
No update. Waiting on the Governor's office for guidance, committee needs for budget.
- **Old Business:**
  - Kari found publication of Wyoming 100, complete community calendar and articles on Tribes and other things. Going to copy and share with the task force.
  - Shawn: need to be thinking about how we track local activities statewide for later groups to know what we did for the 250th.
  - Sen. Schuler maybe Wyoming Historical Society Calendar could be a great way to partner and highlight what will be going on for the 250th - Cindy says this is doable and will invite Historical Society contact for calendar to next community engagement committee meeting
  - Joanna: PBS learning media is a possible platform for K-12 education committee

- Rebecca: Museum is also willing to assist with education portion
- **New Business**
  - Local folks want to get involved, can we invite them to meetings - YES
- **Next meeting date and time** - Monday, May 13, 2024, 10:00 a.m., Cody - Buffalo Bill Center of the West
  - Add public comment at the end of the meeting