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## REGULAR MEETING

April 22, 2008

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kim Hoagland at 9:04 a.m.

### II. INTRODUCTIONS

Present:

Commissioners

Kim Hoagland, At-Large

Ed Jenich, Houghton County Board of Commissioners

Allan Johnson, State of Michigan

Bob Langseth, Calumet Township

Steve Albee, At-Large

Keweenaw National Historical Park

Jim Corless, Superintendent

Tom Baker, Management Assistant

Jo Urion, Historian

Dan Johnson, Quincy Unit Interpretive Specialist

Kathleen Harter

John Rosemurgy, Historic Architect

Steve DeLong, Landscape Architect

Recording Secretary

Bill Rosemurgy

Guests

Paul Lehto, Calumet Township

Glenda Bierman, Quincy Mine Hoist Association

Judy Albee

Jill Burkland, Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Association

Paul Campbell

Anita Campbell

Joseph Mihal, Calumet Historic District Commission

Erik Nordberg, Michigan Technological University Archives

Jim Johnson

Amy Wisti, Congressman Bart Stupak's office

Amy Berglund, Senator Carl Levin's office

Casey Rudkin, Houghton County Historical Society

Lee VerBerkmoes, Fort Wilkins State Park

Jean Pemberton, Copper Range Historical Society

Vada Riederich, Houghton County Historical Society

Matt Portfleet, Adventure Mine  
Vicky Portfleet, Adventure Mine  
Virginia Jamison, Keweenaw County Historical Society

### **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Albee and seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Motion carried unanimously. (5/0)**

### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2008**

**Moved by Langseth and seconded by Jenich to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2008 regular meeting as presented.**

**Motion carried unanimously. (5/0)**

### **V. BUSINESS**

#### **1. COMMISSION REPORTS**

##### **a) Announcements – Kim Hoagland report:**

##### **1. Strategic Framework for Decision Making:**

Hoagland introduced a draft of Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission Strategic Framework for Decision-Making. Presented overview of Goals.

- ##### **2. Fund Development:** In order for Commission to move forward and assist with mission of KNHP adequate and sustainable funding must be provided. While federal appropriations are part of that funding, private funding needs to be developed.

**Moved by Langseth and seconded by Johnson to hire Scott See to research and produce a fund development plan.**

**Motion carried unanimously. (5/0)**

##### **3. Recommendation for Calumet Historic District Commission:**

**Moved by Albee and seconded by Langseth to recommend to Village of Calumet the reappointment of Joseph Mihal to the Calumet Historic District Commission.**

**Motion carried unanimously. (5/0)**

**b) Budget – Kim Hoagland report:**

1. **Summary of Revenues and Expenditures 2008 (See Attachment #1)** Over \$1,100.00 raised through efforts of Jenich for Local History Smackdown.

**Moved by Johnson and seconded by Jenich to approve budget as presented.**

**Motion carried unanimously. (5/0)**

**c) Partnerships Committee – Steve Albee report:**

1. **Marketing:** Working with group to develop coordinated marketing opportunities among Heritage Sites. Will present findings and recommendations to Heritage Site meeting May 13, 2008.
  - a. Jill Burkland, Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Association
  - b. George Hite, Keweenaw County Historical Society
  - c. Jim Lowell, Calumet Theatre
  - d. Dave Bishop, Ontonagon County Historical Society
  - e. Scott See, KNHP AC
  - f. Tom Baker, KNHP
  - g. Dan Johnson, KNHP
  - h. Kathleen Harter, KNHP
  - i. Steve DeLong, KNHP
2. **Heritage Site Review Process:** An examination of the Heritage Site requirements and protocol for selection will be undertaken.

**d) Development Committee – Bob Langseth report:**

In way of background, provided an overview of the history of the KNHP Advisory Commission. KNHP has joined with other four area national parks in the National Parks of Lake Superior Foundation. An opportunity for funding through the Centennial Initiatives Program for 2016 NPS Centennial is being investigated; it would require non-federal matching. Special pamphlet has been developed and distributed to local CPAs, trust officers, estate planners, and Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce newsletter.

**2. PARK REPORTS**

**a) Signage Program – Steve DeLong presentation:**

Presented proposed conceptual Peninsula-wide plan for directional and site identification signage. Discussed the scope of the sign plan. Objectives include identifying historic sites, providing directional information, developing a strategy for sign placement and re-placement, and reviewing plan feasibility and budget. Working with Michigan Department of Transportation will be integral to the sign plan with respect to placement as well as content.

Presented proposed examples of Quincy and Calumet Park boundary signs, Heritage Site signs, and directional signs. Harpers Ferry Center will be performing design and development services.

**b) Union Building Exhibits – Dan Johnson and John Rosemurgy presentation:**

Jim Corless provided introduction to presentation. Provided historical background from the KNHP start-up, through Heritage Sites, to first major interpretive experience.

Johnson discussed development of the permanent exhibits and overall utilization of the building. The overall focus of the building will be “Life in a Keweenaw Copper Mining Company Town.” Final exhibit installation expected between 2010 – 2011. First floor will contain visitor orientation, public facilities. Second floor, exhibits. Third Floor may offer meeting facilities. Harpers Ferry Center will be providing exhibit development services. Currently in pre-design phase.

John Rosemurgy discussed building design considerations including accessibility and electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems. Design services will utilize national firm, Smith Group from Ann Arbor. Preference will be to utilize local contractors for build-out phase.

**c) Facilities Planning**

**1. Jim Corless, Park Superintendent (See Attachment #2):**

- a. Facility Planning Workshop: Workshop was held with KNHPAC participants to examine utilization of existing NPS-owned facilities and consider future acquisitions and partnerships.
- b. Core Operations Workshop: Workshop designed to evaluate park staffing relative to appropriations and identify core staff functions with respect to park mission and identify deficiencies.

- c. Quincy Smelter Update: U.S. EPA will pay for asbestos abatement and building stabilization. Work to begin this summer. Plans to cap slag and stamp sands on-site. Estimated costs \$300-600,000 for asbestos removal; \$700,000 for capping; \$1,000,000 to make site safe for visitor access.
- d. Village of Calumet Discussions: Preliminary discussions for land management agreement for Italian Hall Park.
- e. Financial Assistance Program: KNHP plans to make \$30,000 available this fiscal year in financial assistance grants for work with nationally significant cultural resources within park boundaries. 4-to-1 match funding requirement will be required, per park enabling legislation.
- f. Quincy Unit Planning: The Quincy Mine Hoist Association Board has requested a meeting with park staff to discuss holistic management of resources.

**2. Kathleen Harter, Chief of Interpretation & Education (See Attachment #3)**

- a. KNHP and Keweenaw Star have signed MOU for cruise presentations.
- b. Numerous Teacher to Ranger to Teacher applications received
- c. Junior Ranger program is gaining popularity
- d. KNHP represented on Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative Advisory Board.
- e. Local History Smackdown preparations underway
- f. Noted name change of Isle Royale Natural History Association to Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Association
- g. Working on park interpretive plan
- h. Heritage Site interpretive training in May
- i. KNHP General Management Plan available on the park web site

**3. John Rosemurgy, Historical Architect, Professional Services Report (See Attachment #4):**

- a. Providing on-going assistance to Calumet Historic District Commission and working on Certified Local Government designation application.
- b. Quincy Pay Office purchase will be complete in July. Slate roof and porch woodwork replacement project has begun.

- c. YCC program will be offered this summer and 45 students will be hired.
- d. Seasonal preservation maintenance work focused on Carpenter Shop and C&H Warehouse #1.
- e. Quincy Unit Stabilization Project not funded, cut by 50% at federal level.
- f. Steve DeLong – Cultural Landscape Report Part I has been completed; Part II moving forward.

**4. Jim Corless for Brian Hoduski, Chief of Museum Services (See Attachment #5)**

- a. Upcoming Museum Housekeeping and Collections Care Workshop
- b. Fourth Thursday in History Programs will include the Keweenaw’s Irish history and the history of the Cliff Mine.
- c. Discussed partnership relationship with Michigan Technological University’s Industrial Archeology program.

**5. Tom Baker, Management Assistant**

- a. Headquarters will be moving back to completed building May 22 with Open House on June 27.
- b. MOU with Heritage Sites received and Heritage Site spring meeting will be on May 13.
- c. Power line project (Hancock through Calumet) is nearing completion with site inspections as the snow melts.

**3. Other Reports from Commissioners**

**a) Allan Johnson**

- 1. Recognized Jo Urion, Park Historian, for assistance with the oral history project.
- 2. Mentioned bat cages for mine shafts.
- 3. Mentioned letters of support for Douglas Houghton bicentennial stamp

**b) Ed Jenich**

- 1. Mentioned upcoming Local History Smackdown

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**1. Comments from Legislators or Legislative Staff**

- a) **Amy Berglund, Senator Levin’s Office:** S189 (park legislation) still in the pipeline. Quincy Smelter and Union Building funding continues to be a priority. Senator Levin will be speaking at Michigan Tech Spring Commencement.

- b) **Amy Wisti, Congressman Stupak's Office:** HR3704 is identical to Senate bill, S189. Congressman is confident it will move forward.

**2. Comments from the Public**

- a) **Paul Lehto:** Historic Schoolhouse at U.P. State Fairgrounds looking for items. Historic hockey photos at Calumet Coliseum.
- b) **Jill Burkland:** Noted the name change of the Isle Royale Natural History Association. Park newspaper and Downtown Calumet walking tour funding. Working to publish a children's education book on copper mining heritage with 30 books per school in the pilot program.
- c) **Erik Nordberg:** Noted the acquisition of the Allan Johnson and Clarence Monette Collections. Mentioned need for funds to purchase traveling exhibit materials. Mentioned Kim Hoagland's Copper Country Architecture web site. Noted Ed Yarborough's resignation as manager of the Quincy Hoist. Glenda Bierman has been appointed Acting Manager.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT; NEXT MEETING**

**Moved by Hoagland and seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 a.m.**

**Motion carried unanimously. (5/0)**

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on July 22 at Park Headquarters.

These unapproved minutes are respectfully submitted by  
Bill Rosemurgy



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## **Keweenaw NHP Document**

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### **Superintendent's Report 22 April 2008**

#### **Highlights & Issues**

1. Facility Planning Workshop A planning workshop was held March 11 and 12 with NPS and Commission participants to develop proposals for the use of existing NPS-owned facilities and consider the acquisition of or partnership in other facilities for additional NPS uses. This work follows up on the park's 1998 General Management Plan (GMP) and is important as the park transitions into the development phase prescribed in the GMP. Results of the workshop are preliminary and will require additional refinement. Following that, the proposal will be opened for partner and public review and be evaluated by NPS compliance specialists to determine what NEPA procedures must be carried out and the appropriate planning actions required to meet NEPA requirements. A draft of the workshop proposal is attached in table format. It is important to note that this is NOT a plan but a starting point for consideration.
2. Core Operations Workshop A workshop was conducted in the park by NPS Midwest Regional Office staff; all KEWE staff and Two Commissioners participated. The purpose of the workshop was twofold: to evaluate park staffing relative to appropriations projections for the next five years, and 2) to identify core staff functions and identify mission deficiencies resulting from flat appropriations and identify staffing levels required to provide core staff functions to fully support the park purpose. Using recent years' budget growth as a model for future years and projecting escalating personnel costs, if all positions remain filled as at present, the park will be in deficit of \$285,000 a year by 2012, an amount equivalent to about 20% of our positions. Park staff are to make recommendations as to how best to adjust staff and other expenses to match the appropriation in coming years, and we are to prepare a final report for the Regional Director's review that include an implementation

plan. The report is also to describe the budget and positions required for the park to fully meet its purpose; this justification will be used to seek appropriation increases through the NPS budgeting process.

3. Quincy Smelter Update The US Environmental Protection Agency has agreed to pay for asbestos abatement within the buildings of the smelter complex, including paying for the minimal stabilization required to provide safe access for asbestos workers – what has been a major hurdle to progress. The EPA is also planning to work with Franklin Township and Keweenaw NHP, and perhaps MTU, to develop and implement a capping design for the stamp sand soils. EPA and NPS attorneys have also discussed developing an agreement between EPA and NPS that would allow greater participation by the NPS in the preservation of the smelter, e.g., financial assistance and planning.
4. Village of Calumet Discussions The Village Council and KEWE will be discussing whether there is value in entering into a land management agreement for Italian Hall Park and a triangular tract immediately south of the Union Building.
5. Financial Assistance Program KEWE plans to make \$30,000 available this fiscal year for financial assistance grants to owners of nationally significant cultural resources within park boundaries. These grants will be subject to the 4-to-1 match requirement in the park's legislation. They may be used for projects that will enhance the preservation, access, or interpretation of copper-story resources. Minimum requirements include that the public and NPS must have access to the improvements made, and that preservation work must be conducted according to the Secretary of Interior's Standards and must remain not be altered except with the mutual agreement of the park and property owner. More details will be forthcoming, but the expectation is that the announcement will be advertised by early summer. We hope that this will be the start of an annual grant program that will soon be complemented by a similar Commission program.
6. Quincy Unit Planning Members of the Quincy Mine & Hoist Association Board have requested a meeting with park staff to discuss the holistic management of the Quincy Unit. Much of this is will be analyzed in the Quincy Cultural Landscape Report, but this is a good opportunity to solicit ideas for that plan, the park's Long-Range Interpretive Plan, and Facilities Plan. The meeting will be scheduled soon.



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## Keweenaw NHP - April 22, 2008 Interpretation & Education Update

### Interpretation & Education Activities:

1. Union Building interpretive exhibit planning has gone into high gear. Dan is the interpretive lead for the project with Kathleen filling in as needed. An exhibit contract firm will be hired by Harpers Ferry Center to work with the park in the development of permanent interior interpretive exhibits. Dan will be in Harpers Ferry the week of April 28 to assist in selecting a firm. Work with the contractor will take place over the next two years and will involve 25% of Dan's time.
2. Kathleen met with Houghton Elementary School teachers and staff on March 19, 2009 at the request of the principal. She discussed the education resources available to them through the park, and Keweenaw Heritage Sites. Julie Dlubala did a presentation on the Junior Ranger program and discussed how CLK Elementary School has incorporated the program into their local history curriculum.
3. Seasonals, Nick Clark and Dan Brown, are returning from last year. They will begin working May 11 and will assist with the following: distribution of interpretive media (newspaper and brochure) to the Keweenaw Heritage Sites, headquarters move and set up for interp, research and preparation for the Keweenaw Start boat tour program.
4. The Keweenaw Star and the park have a finalized MOU. Program preparation and research will begin in May.
5. Kathleen has received numerous applications for the Teacher to Ranger to Teacher position and will begin interviews the week of April 21, 2008.
6. Keweenaw NHP will collaborate with Isle Royale National Park in a National Junior Ranger Day celebration at Maasto Hiihto trailhead in Hancock on Saturday, April 26 from 10 – 12:30. Ellen Schrader will represent KEWE if Kathleen is unable due to the 1913 community meeting also scheduled that day.
7. Kathleen presented a brief overview of interpretive exhibit planning at a St. Anne's summer exhibit planning meeting on March 25, 2008. Meeting attendees including the St. Anne's board and community church representatives.
8. Kathleen and Brian Hoduski met with the Ontonagon County Historical Society Board on Thursday, April 10 to discuss interpretive planning and the incorporation of museum objects into interpretive exhibits. Follow up will occur in the fall should the site request formal exhibit planning assistance.
9. Kathleen continues to represent Keweenaw National Historical Park on the Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative Advisory Board. The advisory board is currently reviewing grant applications from schools interested in developing service learning projects that are cross curricular and involve community partners. The park may be involved in multiple projects over the next couple of years, dependent upon staff time and available resources.
10. Ellen Schrader attended Chassell Elementary School's March Reading Month and awarded Junior Ranger badges to 130 students. The students had worked on the park's junior ranger book throughout the month of March.
11. The following 4th Thursday in History programs were conducted:
  - a. January – History of Calumet Schools
  - b. February – U.P. Weather by Karl Bohnak
  - c. March – Writing the *Seasons of Faith* by Angela JohnsonThe 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Local History Smackdown occurs on Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Calumet Theatre.

**Media Update:**

10. The 2008 *Keweenaw Guide* is now available for distribution. It was received from the printer on Tuesday, April 15, 2008.
11. Dan continues to update the park webpage with local events and happenings related to the park and KHS.
12. Media preparations are underway for the Smackdown: flyers, programs, and stage backdrops.
13. Work has begun for the next round of Fourth Thursday in History posters; May, June, and July.

**Miscellaneous Activities:**

15. Dan and Kathleen will be working with the two seasonal staff to develop a ranger-guided program for the Keweenaw Star. This will take significant time and preparation from all interp. staff. The program is a 3.5 hour tour conducted once a week.
16. Kathleen is working on the park interpretive plan when time permits. A firm draft must be completed in time for the November DAB of the Union Building.
17. IRNHA will announce its official name change on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> during the park headquarters open house and Pastyfest. The organization's new name is Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Associations.
18. Dan continues to be involved in the Marketing Committee when time permits.
19. Interpretive trainings:
  - a. Interpretive Exhibit Planning – March 4
    - i. Representatives from St. Anne's and Keweenaw County Historical Society attended.
  - b. Interpretive Writing – May 9 12 - 4:00 p.m.
  - c. Informal Visitor Contacts - May 15 12 - 4:00 p.m.
  - d. Conducted Activities – Walks and Talks - May 22 12 – 4:00 p.m.



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Preservation Services Division, April 22, 2008

1. KNHP HQ:

- Work proceeding as planned - completion on target for May 15; Moving week will be May 19-23
- Open house scheduled for Friday, June 27

2. Union Building Steam Heating System Installation

- Pre-bid and Walk-through held on April 15
- Proposals due April 25; Contract award anticipated in early May

3. Keweenaw History Center Facility and Systems Improvements

- Heating system rezoning and new boiler installation will recommence Week of April 21
- Work will include: Exit lighting installation, domestic water service upgrades, and pipe insulation
- Work on new first floor Cloak Rm and Toilet Rm. proceeding in secondary northwest corner room
- Completion planned for May 30

4. Warehouse No. 1 Water and Electric Service Upgrades for Future Fire Suppression System

- Working through NPS contracting requirements
- Expected contact award in June
- Asbestos testing and abatement to take place under separate contracts

5. Fourth Thursday in History Presentation - May

- Collaborating with Julie and Dave Sprenger on presentation; Presentation will take place at Laurium Manor and feature the history of the Hoatson House which turns 100 this year

6. Village of Calumet

- On-going assistance to the Historic District Commission
- Assisting Village with amendments to the historic district ordinance as required by CLG (Certified Local Government) program.

7. Quincy Pay Office-Slate Roof and Woodwork Replacement

- Work proceeding as planned; porch repair and reconstruction started; slate roofing crew hope to begin 1<sup>st</sup> week in May; project expected to be completed by the end of July.

8. YCC FY08 funding

- significant increase received over last year; hope to hire 4-5 YCC's and a new seasonal YCC leader for 8 week program which is expected to begin June 10; announcements and job applications will be going out to all local high schools by the end of April

9. Seasonal preservation maintenance:

- work will be mainly on park Carpenter Shop construction and C&H Warehouse #1 window repairs

#### 10. Cultural Landscape Report

- A 100% DRAFT of Part 1 of the Quincy Unit cultural landscape report has been accepted. Work on Part 2 is now underway.
- A CLR meeting with invited partners and stakeholders will occur June 17, 1:30 - 4:00pm, at the Quincy Franklin Firehall. Part 1 of the CLR will be presented and preliminary discussions about treatment of the Quincy landscape will follow.
- Several CLR related public events for the public are planned for the afternoon of June 18. They include an overview of the CLR and presentation of Part 1 from 1:00 - 2:00pm, a walking tour among some of Quincy's less familiar resources with QMHA from 2:30 - 3:30pm, and an open house for public scoping from 4:00 - 6:00pm.



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## **Keweenaw NHP Document**

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**Division of Museum, Archives & Historical Services  
22 April 2008**

### **Highlights & Issues**

1. Upcoming Museum Housekeeping and Collections Care Workshop – May 20-21, 2008. As the third installment in an ongoing museum training program for park partners, KNHP will be hosting a museum housekeeping and collections care workshop 20-21 May 2008 at the park's Keweenaw History Center. There will be no tuition charged to participants. The first seven Keweenaw Heritage Sites to register for and then satisfactorily complete the workshop will be loaned a NPS museum-quality HEPA vacuum cleaner for use at their site.
2. Preparation for April 24, 2008 6<sup>th</sup> Annual High School Local History Smackdown. KNHP staff continues preparations for the sixth annual Smackdown. 13 teams have been recruited and registered (including a "home school" team), questions written, venue arrangements made, t-shirts ordered, judges and a quizmaster recruited, Keweenaw Heritage Sites solicited to participate with booths in the ballroom, and the press alerted. We are particularly grateful to Advisory Commissioner Ed Jenich for raising the funds needed for t-shirts, prizes, and gifts of appreciation (for coaches, judges, and quizmaster) and to Advisory Commissioner Sue Dana for her assistance in purchasing those items. In addition, MAHS staff continues to plan for and coordinate some of the park's Fourth Thursday in History programs. Upcoming programs will include talks on the Keweenaw's Irish history and on the history of the Cliff Mine.
3. Collections Care. The addition of IA Masters candidate John Griebel to the KNHP staff has been a great boon in improving the care and protection of the park's museum collections. John has re-established the museum

- housekeeping and environmental monitoring schedules, is completing timely analysis of that monitoring, and has nearly mastered the identification of insects and other arthropods for pest monitoring. His work has demonstrated the positive possibilities present in collaboration between the park and the MTU Industrial Archeology program.
4. Scope of Collections Workshop. In February Superintendent Corless and Advisory Commission Chair Kim Hoagland met with KNHP staff to discuss the direction of future park museum collection acquisition and growth and how its collections would mesh with those held by the Keweenaw Heritage Sites and other regional collecting institutions. The discussions were lively and wide-ranging, with a focus on how collections could aid park-story telling and scholarly research. Updates to the park's "Scope of Collection Statement" based on those discussions and some additional analysis are forthcoming.
  5. Implementing the Servicewide Strategy for Park Museum Collections Workshop. In March, park museum curator Brian Hoduski attended a workshop arranged by the NPS Midwest Regional Office to discuss the implementation of the NPS strategy to consolidate park museum storage repositories. KNHP is one of five initial parks in the Midwest region planned to host a multi-park museum storage facility. The discussions at the workshop focused on the steps and processes necessary to carry out the plan. For KNHP, this will involve extensive planning with its partner parks (Apostle Islands, Isle Royale, and Pictured Rocks), the rehabilitation/adaptation of C&H Warehouse No. 1 as a museum facility, and the addition of sufficient staff to move and then manage the joint collections. This facility will vastly improve the care of and access to the combined collections, including those of KNHP and those partner collections it is caring for (currently those include collections from the Village of Calumet, the Calumet Theater, Old Victoria, and Coppertown Museum).
  6. Oral History Workshop. In February, park historian Jo Urion prepared and presented a how-to workshop on oral history to Advisory Commissioners Bob Langseth and Al Johnson, along with volunteer-in-park Anita Campbell and museum tech John Griebel. Commissioner Johnson and John Griebel have both subsequently conducted interviews and we expect more will be accomplished. Volunteers Anita Campbell and Lois Winquist continue to volunteer their time transcribing.
  7. Organization of American Historians (OAH) Meeting. Late this March, Jo Urion attended the Organization of American Historians meeting in New York. The meeting included an NPS historians meeting with the new chief Bob Sutton. Sutton highlighted the need for parks with shared themes to work more collaboratively, along the lines of what both the Civil War and

World War II parks are doing. This could have implications for KNHP in the future working with other industrial/labor-themed parks. While in New York, Jo also met with Louis Galdieri and Ken Ross who continue to work on their "1913 Massacre" film project about the Italian Hall. She has been in discussions about the film with Ed Linenthal, a historian at Indiana who works closely with the NPS. She reports that, "he is absolutely captivated by the history of the event and the potential of the film to interpret it in new ways, going beyond a simple documentary."

8. 1913 Copper Miner's Strike Centennial Commemoration. MAHS staffers Jo Urion, Jeremiah Mason, and Brian Hoduski, along with several others (including Advisory Commissioners Ed Jenich, Sue Dana, and Bob Langseth), met with the ad hoc 1913 Copper Miner's Strike Centennial Coordinating Committee established by Gary Kuonnonen, Ed Yarbrough, Julia Blair, and Erik Nordberg. KNHP has been in the early process of planning for the centennial and very much appreciated the opportunity to meet with other heritage organizations to discuss centennial planning. We hope to continue this important joint planning effort.
9. Exhibit Assistance to Keweenaw Heritage Sites. MAHS staff continue to participate in the initial planning exhibit efforts launched by the Keweenaw Heritage Center at St. Anne's, the Coppertown museum, and the Ontonagon County Historical Society museum. In May, the park will loan three museum objects from its collection for a short term exhibit on mining at the Finnish-American Heritage Center.
10. Union Building Research, Planning, and Design. MAHS staff have been and are heavily invested in the restoration/rehabilitation of the park's Union Building as an interpretive facility and interim visitor contact station. As has been reported elsewhere this project is an important opportunity for the park to vastly improve its visitor services, its storytelling, and the condition of an important park resource. MAHS staff are contributing to this process in multiple ways, but most importantly in the coordinating and conducting of research efforts. Park historian Jo Urion is leading this effort and recently oversaw the creation of a report (written by contractor Stephanie Atwood) documenting some of the ritual uses of the former Odd Fellow and Freemason lodge halls. More research will be required to better inform the project.
11. Core Operations Workshop. Reported on elsewhere, MAHS staff have been fully involved in the Core Operations Evaluation process and look forward to it informing the division's future make-up and role in furthering the care and use of museum and archival collections and in the park's history program.

12. Facility Planning Process. Another important planning effort of the park that MAHS staff have been heavily involved in, the update or amendment to the park's GMP is foundational to much of what the division will be focused on over the upcoming several years. This is particularly true in the ongoing development of its multi-park museum collection storage repository and in the acquisition of associated collections needed in the research or documentation of KNHP historic structures, cultural landscapes, and archeological resources.
13. Calumet Theater Archives Project – MOU. To facilitate and formalize the ongoing use of the Keweenaw History Center by the Calumet Theater for its ongoing archives processing project, park management assistant Tom Baker and museum curator Brian Hoduski have drafted a Memorandum of Understanding between the Calumet Theater and the park that better outlines the relationship. Currently in review by Theater management, the agreement will provide the project volunteers greater certainty on their tenure in and use of the building.
14. Keweenaw History Center Construction. Delayed by engineering questions and then freezing weather, the heating system upgrade and restroom/cloakroom addition at the Keweenaw History Center had been put on hold. Work has resumed this week.
15. KNHP Acquires Calumet & Hecla Furniture, Mine Transits, and Other Artifacts. In March the park acquired from the successor to the Lake Superior Land Company, American Forest Management, the following Calumet & Hecla artifacts: a large wooden drafting table (circa 1910-1925); coat tree (circa 1900); library table (circa 1900); J. W. Queen & Co. transit with tripod (circa 1895-1905); C. L. Berger & Sons transit kit with box (circa 1900); C. L. Berger & Sons transit kit with box (circa 1900); Eugene Dietzgen architect's level kit with box (circa 1900); and assorted drafting and office equipment.
16. FY2008 Research Conducted at the Keweenaw History Center. To-date, over 100 individual research visits or reference requests have been made or processed. Of note, upcoming exhibits at the Carnegie Museum in Houghton will be significantly drawn from park historic photographs. Park collections also helped inform Stephanie Atwood's work on the Union Building.