



**CLEVELAND
RESTORATION
SOCIETY**

**Annual Membership Meeting
Tuesday, July 22, 2014**

Minutes

1. At 9:10 Mike Cummins, chairman of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order. He reported on the success of CRS in 2013, including CRS's recognition by the National Trust for Historic Preservation with the Trust's Trustees' Award for Organizational Excellence in November 2013. Mr. Cummins asked that CRS's trustees stand and be acknowledged.
2. Kathleen Crowther, president, summarized CRS's work by introducing the staff members and interns individually. She encouraged everyone to read the Annual Report in *Façade 93* for a detailed report on the activities of 2013, especially the summary of activities on page 3. Ms. Crowther highlighted the following areas of CRS operations during the past year:
 - a. Survey Work: CRS's 40th Anniversary Legacy Project to survey African-American landmarks in Cleveland. We received an award from the History Fund of the Ohio History Connection for this project through a highly competitive process. CRS is the first entity to do this in the city. We also completed a survey of transportation corridors in the city of Cleveland. We are currently surveying mid-century modern resources and Cleveland's Ward 1.
 - b. Advocacy: Two areas of focus regarding advocacy in 2013 were the threat to the federal historic tax credit and the emphasis on demolition as the singular tool in the toolkit for revitalizing Cleveland's neighborhoods. These continue to guide CRS's work.
 - c. Heritage Home ProgramSM: Our greatest program is the Heritage Home ProgramSM, and in 2013 this program continued its growth trajectory. Last year the program made 70 new loans, including signing our 1,000th loan. We have added a second financial partner, First Federal Lakewood, and are replicating the program in Lucas County.
 - d. Legacy Cities Conference: In June, CRS co-hosted the conference "Historic Preservation in America's Legacy Cities" with Cleveland State University. Over 270 attendees participated,

primarily from Ohio, but also from 20 different states. CRS will be the leader in providing follow-up to the conference. Sponsors were gratefully acknowledged.

3. Tom Jorgensen, chief operating officer, gave the financial report, which was summarized on page 8 of the Annual Report in *Façade* 93. Mr. Jorgensen reported that 2013 was a positive year for CRS, with revenue exceeding expenses.
4. Mike Cummins presented the Report of the Nominating Committee and introduced the proposed slate of 2014-2015 Board of Trustees. Brian Stark made a motion for the membership to approve the slate and Dana Noel seconded. The motion was approved.
5. Gordon Priemer, vice chair, said a few words to thank the trustees for their support of CRS's events and to encourage the trustees, members, and all present to support the upcoming benefit at The9 on October 11.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.