Minutes: NASS State Heritage Committee Meeting
3:00 PM – 3:45 PM
Saturday, July 16th, 2016
Nashville, TN

Participants:
Hon. Tre Hargett, TN (Co-Chair)
Hon. Shan S. Tsutsui, HI
Hon. Tom Schedler, LA
Hon. John Wobensmith, MD
Hon. Matt Dunlap, ME
Hon. Jason Kander, MO (by proxy)
Hon. Nellie Gorbea, RI
Hon. Jim Condos, VT

Secretary Hargett called the meeting to order and introduced Secretary Condos to present on a recent Vermont report on blockchain technology. Secretary Condos provided an overview of the technology and discussed the findings from the report. He noted than the technology is still very new and despite its potential it's not yet clear how to leverage it from a state perspective.

Kevin Callaghan, Tennessee Director of Records Management, gave a presentation on the impact of 2010 flooding in Tennessee on the state records center. He described the practical lessons from that experience, including the importance of updating retention schedules to meet current standards. He noted the importance of taking steps to prevent damage to records in disaster situations, including having a clear plan to remove damaged records to a recovery location. He said the key lessons were to recognize a potential threat and take action to fix it, paying attention to retention standards on multiple levels, having a response plan that is tested and reviewed, and protecting historic records.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50PM.