**Minutes of the Adirondack Coast Cultural Alliance Meeting,**

**November 12, 2015**

President Ellen Adams convened the meeting at 8:34 a.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System Office in Plattsburgh.

In attendance were Samantha Bellinger, Jane Saxe-Kelting, Marlene Almodovar, Stan Ransom, Don Wickman, Jacqueline Madison, Karen Batchelder, Amber Parliament, Julie Dowd, Jim Brangan, John Krueger, Helen Nerska, and Melissa Peck.

Introductions and the secretary’s report were waved. Julie moved, Sam seconded to approve the minutes of the October 8 meeting. Motion approved. There was no treasurer’s report.

Melissa presented the coordinator’s report and touched on some potential opportunities for professional development.

Articles for the museum corner feature in *The Lake Champlain Weekly* are lined up for December through February. March is still available, while Stan signed up for the Champlain Valley Transportation Museum for April. See Ellen for additional information.

In the new business portion of the program, Jim Brangan discussed the recently awarded Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership (CVNHP) local heritage grants and conservation and community grants. Congratulations to the Town of Champlain and to the Clinton County Historical Association. Jim also summarized the process now underway whereby the Heritage Area Program Advisory Committee (HAPAC) is concluding its efforts to prepare a list of programs, projects, and efforts for inclusion in the FY2016 CVNHP Workplan and Budget. On December 4 the HAPAC will meet with the coordinators of the regional stakeholder groups to discuss proposed projects, entertain new suggestions, and rank the items in order of importance. Melissa will represent ACCA at this meeting.

Attention next turned to the formulation of a Museum Days Committee consisting of Geri, Ellen, Rickey, Amber, Jane, Barb, and Sam. Ellen, Amber, Jane, and Sam volunteered to serve. Those who were absent (Geri, Rickey, and Barb) were volunteered by colleagues who respected their efforts in past years.

John moved, Stan seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:50.

Respectfully submitted,

John Krueger, acting secretary in place of Barb Benkwitt