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# California Historic State Capitol Commission



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## January 2001

Enclosed is the Annual Report of the activities and accomplishments of the California Historic State Capitol Commission for the 1999 calendar year. Included in this report is background information about the Commission and our role in the management of the Historic State Capitol Building, a summary of the activities of the Commission over the last two years, and our goals for 2000.

The mission of the Historic State Capitol Commission, established in 1984 as a permanent, official advisory body, is to ensure the appropriate restoration, maintenance, development and management of the historic and architectural legacy of the Historic State Capitol. Reconvened and recommitted in 1998, the Commission has spent the last two years re-establishing advisory and working relationships with other stewards of the Capitol, including the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of General Services, the Senate and Assembly Rules staff and the California Capitol Historic Preservation Society.

The Commission is proud of its accomplishments during the past two years since reconvening. Several highlights from 1998 include:

- Establishing projects for the 1998/99 fiscal year, which included writing a maintenance manual (as part of a larger Integrated Maintenance Program) for the Historic State Capitol Building.
- Developing and implementing an exhibit policy for legislative-sponsored exhibits in the Historic State Capitol. Previously, exhibits were shown in an unprofessional manner throughout the Capitol.

Highlights from 1999 include establishing three subcommittees:

- Annual Report - to produce an annual report for the Legislature. According to its statute, the Commission is charged with such a duty, to "annually report to the Legislature on its activities."
- Capitol Restoration Project Repository - to identify current locations of all Capitol Restoration Project materials and make recommendations to the Legislature regarding the most appropriate storage and care for these materials.
- Maintenance Manual - to develop a much-needed integrated maintenance program for the continued use and preservation of the Historic State Capitol.

- According to its statute, the Commission is charged with developing “a comprehensive master plan for the restoration, preservation and maintenance of the Historic State Capitol.”

As part of the preparation of this annual report, the Commission has identified the following four purpose statements to guide our ongoing efforts:

- To advise on any development, improvement or other physical change in any aspect of the Capitol and its immediate environs that the Commission feels may affect the maintenance or enhancement of the historic and cultural legacy of the Capitol building.
- To serve as a catalyst for other groups and agencies within the Capitol or who affect the Capitol.
- To develop, maintain, and implement a comprehensive master plan for the restoration, preservation and maintenance of the Historic State Capitol.
- To expand and maintain a permanent art collection which, when viewed as a whole, reflects the essential nature of California within the interpretive period of the Historic State Capitol.

We look forward to your support of our efforts to ensure the longevity of one of our State's most visited and cherished historic and architectural treasures.

Sincerely,



SUSAN E. LASSELL  
Chair

## **Historic State Capitol Commission Members and Backgrounds**

Article 9 (commencing with Section 9149) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 2 of the Government Code states: There is in state government, the Historic State Capitol Commission, which shall consist of seven members: two members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, two members appointed by the President pro Tempore of the Senate, and the State Historic Preservation Officer, the State Librarian, and the State Archivist, who shall serve ex officio.

<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Appointment</u></b>	<b><u>End of Term</u></b>	<b><u>Background</u></b>
Daniel Abeyta Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Sacramento, CA	Ex officio	N/A	Preservation
Wayne Donaldson San Diego, CA	Senate Appoint. June 2000	Jan. 2003	Public Member (Preservation Architect)
Raymond Girvagian Pasadena, CA	Retired Chair Emeritus		Honorary Member
Walter Gray State Archivist Sacramento, CA	Ex Officio	N/A	History
Kathleen Green Sacramento, CA	Senate Appoint. January 1999	Jan. 2005	Public Member (Preservation Activist)
Susan Lassell Sacramento, CA	Assembly Appoint. May 1998	Jan. 2004	Public Member (Historic Preservation Planning)
Dr. Kevin Starr State Librarian Sacramento, CA	Ex Officio	N/A	History
Vacancy	Assembly Appoint.	N/A	Art/Humanities

**Historic State Capitol Commission  
Legislative Liaisons**

<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>House</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>
Honorable Robert Hertzberg	Assembly	State Capitol Room 219 Sacramento, CA (916) 319-2040
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Vacancy	Senate	



**Historic State Capitol Commission  
Meetings Held  
1998 – present**

Article 9 (commencing with Section 9149) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 2 of the Government Code states: "The Commission shall meet upon call of the chairperson and at such other times as it may prescribe."

July 10, 1998	Commission Meeting	Sacramento Historic State Capitol Room 127
October 16, 1998	Commission Meeting and Workshop	Sacramento Historic State Capitol Room 113
January 15, 1999	Commission Meeting	Sacramento Historic State Capitol Room 112
April 30, 1999	Commission Meeting	Sacramento Historic State Capitol Room 113
July 16, 1999	Commission Meeting	Sacramento Historic State Capitol Room 113
October 15, 1999	Commission Meeting	Sacramento Historic State Capitol Room 113
March 10, 2000	Commission Meeting	Sacramento Historic State Capitol Room 113

**Historic State Capitol Commission  
Meetings Held  
1998 – present**

April 28, 2000	Commission Meeting	Sacramento State Capitol Room 2040
July 14, 2000	Commission Meeting	Sacramento State Capitol Room 2040
October 13, 2000	Commission Meeting	Sacramento State Capitol Room 2040

## **Introduction**

Prior to the 1976 California Capitol Restoration Project, there existed no guidelines or enforcing authority to preserve and maintain the historic integrity of the Capitol and its artifacts, antiques and art. Consequently, succeeding administrations were unrestricted and uncontrolled to do as they saw fit with the premises, its architecture and historical contents. By Joint Resolution of the Legislature in February 1976, however, the Capitol Restoration Project was declared the State's Bicentennial Project and a Capitol Commission was authorized to supervise its future maintenance and protect its historical and architectural restoration integrity, in perpetuity. The Commission was to be composed of qualified persons in architecture, history and government, who would review the maintenance and use of the landmark.

Officially established in 1984, at the close of the Capitol Restoration Project, the seven-member Commission was provided specific powers to review and advise the Legislature on any development, improvement, or change in the Historic State Capitol. The Commission met sporadically from September 1985 through April 1987. In 1998, the Commission reconvened with new members and recommitted itself to establishing advisory and working relationships with other stewards of the Historic State Capitol, as well as following statute requirements.

One such requirement is to provide an annual report to the Legislature on its activities. This year, however, is the first year that it has been done.

This, the Commission's first annual report, highlights activities and accomplishments for calendar years 1998 and 1999. Also included are the Commission's goals for 2000. The activities and accomplishments for each year are organized by subject matter: art, furnishings, maintenance, outside projects, and one or two highlights. Included in the appendices are summaries of the Commission's art, furnishings, and maintenance activities and accomplishments for calendar years 1976-1995.

## **Historic State Capitol Commission Activities and Accomplishments 1998**

In 1998, the Commission chose 4 projects for the 1998/99 calendar year:

1. **Develop an Integrated Maintenance Program for the Historic State Capitol Building, consisting of three parts:**
  - a. **Maintenance plan**
  - b. **Manual**
  - c. **History/working files**
2. **Appoint a representative to the Capitol Park Master Plan Advisory Committee.**
3. **Monitor the Library and Courts Building, Room 500 Project, with Dr. Kevin Starr as the representative.**
4. **Complete the California Register of Historical Resources nomination for specified N Street Office Buildings: Business and Professional, Department of Public Works and Division of Highways Division, and Food and Agriculture buildings.**

The Commission also established areas of purview over the Capitol building and its historic setting. The Commission has a decreased level of authority over certain areas, it maintains a high level of interest in those projects that occur around the Capitol. The highest areas of interest are the Historic West Wing of the State Capitol Building and Capitol Park.

Concerning art in the Historic State Capitol in 1998, the Commission advised and assisted the State Capitol Museum (California State Parks) in establishing a semi-chronological order in which to rehang the State's collection of gubernatorial portraits; the Commission will work with the Department of General Services in coordinating this lengthy and complicated project, in addition to designing ADA-compatible text panels. In conjunction with this plan, the Commission assisted the Department of General Services with their request to have all the frames on the governors' portraits cleaned. The Commission was instrumental in obtaining Joint Rules Committee approval for establishing an exhibit policy for legislative-sponsored exhibits in the Historic State Capitol.

Concerning furnishing issues in 1998, the Commission reviewed and advised on a proposal to either repair or replace two antique oriental rugs in the offices of the Senate President pro Tempore and Assembly Speaker. The Commission also advised on repair/replacement of the silk drapes in all the leadership offices, and discussed potential deaccessioning obstacles. Both of these issues amplified the need for a maintenance manual for the Historic State Capitol.

## **Commission Activities and Accomplishments**

**1998**

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A highlight of 1998 was the decision to establish a subcommittee to produce the much-needed integrated maintenance program for the continued use and preservation of the Historic State Capitol. According to its statute, the Commission is charged with developing "a comprehensive master plan for the restoration, preservation and maintenance of the Historic State Capitol." The subcommittee worked with the Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of General Services and the Office of Historic Preservation to develop maintenance guidelines. It was also decided that this would be an on-going process.

In regards to general maintenance issues in 1998, the Commission was asked to review the planned treatment for eliminating granite spalling and delamination on the Capitol's South and west steps. The Commission was also asked to provide assistance in the form of recommendations for experts, paint types and color matching for painting the Capitol exterior.

The Commission was also asked to review various projects outside the confines of the Historic State Capitol. Some of these included the Capitol Park Master Plan, Capitol Park insectory, and Sesquicentennial activities planned in and around the Capitol. A Commission member was appointed to sit on the Park Master Plan advisory committee.

## **Historic State Capitol Commission Activities and Accomplishments 1999**

The year 1999 saw the conclusion to several 1998 furnishings projects, including repairs to two antique oriental rugs in the pro Tem's and Speaker's office. An oriental carpet specialist was hired by the Joint Rules Committee for annual inspections and repairs, based on advice from the Commission. Commission members continued to advise on the repair/replacement of silk drapes in the leadership offices, agreeing on a policy that the drapes be replaced in-kind and that salvaged items should be used for thematically appropriate purposes. New projects that required Commission review included the replacement of the Assembly Chamber carpet, carpet stair step nosings and a possible redesign of the handrails used in both chamber entrances.

1999 also saw the completion of the Capitol basement exhibit display system. Other 1998 art projects were continued, including designing a brochure for members and constituents explaining the new exhibit display system in the Historic State Capitol. Commission members were asked to advise on the design and placement of ADA-compatible text panels for the State's collection of gubernatorial portraits, and donations were pursued for the newly formed Senate permanent art collection.

The Commission was again asked to review numerous projects outside the confines of the Historic State Capitol, including the Stanford Mansion, the East End Project, the Capitol Park Master Plan, which also included advising on the design of replacement light fixtures throughout the park. Commissioner Starr reported on Sesquicentennial activities. Commission members were asked to advise on the Capitol Park Rose Garden, pursuant to a 1995 Assembly resolution listing the Commission as part of the review process.

Highlights of 1999 included establishing three subcommittees:

1. **Maintenance Program** - to produce the maintenance manual for the continued use and preservation of the Historic State Capitol. The subcommittee, comprised of several commission members, Department of General Services and Department of Parks and Recreation representatives, adopted a policy preamble, and program objectives and goals.
2. **Capitol Restoration Program Repository** – to identify current locations of all Capitol Restoration Project materials and make recommendations to the Legislature regarding the most appropriate storage and care of these materials. The subcommittee consists of representatives from seven

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agencies that either currently manage project-related materials or have an interest in utilizing the collection (Assembly and Senate Rules, State Archives, State Library, Office of the State Architect, Department of General Services, Department of Parks and Recreation), in addition to representatives from the California Capitol Historic Preservation Society, the Commission, and Ray Girvigian, restoration project architect.

3. Annual Report – to produce an annual report for the Legislature that would include a history of the Commission, a list of its activities through the end of 1999 and goals for 2000.

## **Goals for 2000**

### **1. Establish rules of order and/or bylaws for the Historic State Capitol Commission.**

The Commission currently conducts itself in accordance with the provisions in the statute. However, certain orders of business are not defined, or are loosely defined. The Commission will establish rules of order and/or bylaws to provide consistency in the conduct of our business.

### **2. Advise on the design and placement of the governors' portraits signage.**

One of the most visible changes that will take place in the historic Capitol is the re-arrangement and interpretation of the collection of governors' portraits. This project involves not only re-hanging the portraits, but also developing a uniform signage program for interpreting the portraits. The Commission feels that the addition of signs for each portrait has the potential to visually affect the historic character of the Capitol, and is working with the State Capitol Museum to develop a signage program that is in keeping with the objectives of the restoration program.

### **3. Implement the Capitol Restoration Project Repository Committee.**

Numerous Capitol Restoration Project records have been collected in various repositories around the state. The Commission felt that these materials should be centralized and organized in order to better serve the managers of the Capitol who need access to these documents to ensure continuity in the maintenance of the historic building. To this end, the Commission convened a Capitol Restoration Project Repository Committee. The Committee was charged with identifying the current location of all archival materials, identifying opportunities and constraints for centralizing those materials, and making a recommendation to the Commission regarding the most appropriate and viable home for the reunified collection. The recommendation of the Committee would be considered and forwarded to the Legislature. The Committee would consist of a representative from seven agencies that either currently manage historic materials from the project or have an interest in using the collection, in addition to a representative from the California Capitol Historic Preservation Society, the Commission and Raymond Girvigian, F.A.I.A., restoration project architect and retired Commission Chair Emeritus.

### **4. Re-examine the roles and responsibilities of the California Capitol Historic Preservation Society and the Historic State Capitol Commission in an effort to improve our abilities to work together as stewards of the building.**

The non-profit Society was organized in 1984 with the mandate to help the Commission in obtaining historic art and furnishings for the Capitol complex and in the development of programs, exhibits, and other activities of an historic,



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architectural, or cultural nature. In the past few years, both organizations have rededicated themselves to programs and goals for the stewardship of the historic Capitol building. We now need to examine our mutual goals and identify opportunities to complement each other's efforts.

#### **5. Develop major sections of the Integrated Maintenance Plan.**

General maintenance is the cornerstone of the long-term restoration and preservation of the historic Capitol building. However, standard maintenance techniques that would be used on a modern building are not always consistent with restoration and preservation objectives. Thus, in cooperation with the DGS Restoration Specialist, the Commission is developing an integrated maintenance plan to specify the appropriate maintenance treatments for on going care of the historic Capitol building.

## CHAPTER 1757, STATUTES OF 1984

(Became law without governor's signature: filed with Secretary of State October 1, 1984)

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. The heading of Article 5 (commencing with Section 9105) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 2 of the Government Code is amended to read:

### Article 5. The State Capitol Building Annex

SEC. 2. Section 9105 of the Government Code is amended to read:

9105. The State Capitol Building Annex is the annex to the historic State Capitol, constructed to the east of the original building, situated in the area bounded by 10<sup>th</sup>, L, 15<sup>th</sup> and N Streets in the City of Sacramento.

SEC. 3. Section 9106 of the Government Code is amended to read:

9106. The State Capitol Building Annex is intended primarily for the use of the legislative department and, except as otherwise provided in this article, shall be devoted exclusively to such use.

SEC. 4. Section 9108 of the Government Code is amended to read:

9108. The first floor of the State Capitol Building Annex is excepted from the provisions of this article. Such excepted space shall continue under the control of the Department of General Services. All other space in the State Capitol Building Annex shall be allocated from time to time by the Joint Rules Committee in accordance with its determination of the needs of the Legislature and the two houses thereof. The committee shall allocate such space as it determines to be necessary for facilities and agencies dealing with the Legislature as a whole including, but not limited to, press quarters, billrooms, telephone rooms, and offices for the Legislative Counsel and for committees created by the two houses jointly. The committee shall allocate to the Senate and Assembly, respectively, the space it determines to be needed by those houses and their committees and the officers, employees, and attachés thereof. The space thus allocated to the Senate and to the Assembly shall be allotted from time to time by the Senate Rules Committee and the Assembly Rules Committee, respectively.

SEC. 5. Section 9109 of the Government Code is amended to read:

9109. The determination of the Joint Rules Committee as to the needs of the Legislature shall be subject to change only by action of the committee or by concurrent resolution. If, at any time, the committee determines that there is space in the State Capitol Building Annex in excess of the needs of the legislative branch of the state government, it may release that space for use by the executive branch of the state government until such time as the space is needed by the legislative branch. The release shall be effected by notifying the Director of General Services that certain described space is not necessary for the use by the Legislature for the time being. Thereafter, the Department of General Services, until such time as the Director of General Services is notified that the space has become needed by the legislative branch, shall

have the same jurisdiction over the excess space as if this article had not been enacted.

SEC. 6. Section 9110 of the Government Code is amended to read:

9110. The maintenance and operation of all of the State Capitol Building Annex shall continue under the control of the Department of General Services, subject to the provisions of this article.

SEC. 7. Section 9112 of the Government Code is repealed.

SEC. 8. Article 9 (commencing with Section 9149) is added to Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 2 of the Government Code, to read:

#### Article 9. The Historic State Capitol Commission

9149. The Legislature finds and declares that the historic State Capitol is a state historic and architectural legacy which must be preserved and maintained in a manner befitting the significance of the structures to the history and people of California. It is the intention of the Legislature, in enacting this article, to provide a permanent, official body to be charged with advisory review of the maintenance, restoration, development, and management of the historic State Capitol.

9149.1. As used in this article:

(a) "Commission" means the Historic State Capitol Commission created by Section 9149.2.

(b) "Historic State Capitol" is the building housing the state legislative offices and chambers, situated in the area bounded by 10<sup>th</sup>, L, 15<sup>th</sup> and N Streets in the City of Sacramento, except the east annex thereto.

9149.2. (a) There is in state government, the Historic State Capitol Commission, which shall consist of seven members, initially appointed as follows:

(1) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, with one member initially serving a term of four years and one member initially serving a term of six years; thereafter, any appointment under this paragraph shall be for a term of six years.

(2) Two members appointed by the President pro Tempore of the Senate, with one member initially serving a term of two years and one member initially serving a term of six years; thereafter, any appointment under this paragraph shall be for a term of six years.

(3) The State Historic Preservation Officer, the State Librarian, and the State Archivist, who shall serve ex officio.

(b) Each member shall serve until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing power for the remainder of the term. The commission shall from time to time elect one of its members to chair the commission.

9149.3. The appointees of both the Speaker of the Assembly and the President pro Tempore of the Senate shall include one person who represents the arts or humanities and one person from the general public.

9149.4. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but shall receive reimbursement for travel and living expenses in connection with their official duties, at rates established by the Department of Personnel Administration.

9149.5. The Joint Rules Committee shall appoint a Subcommittee on the Capitol Restoration Project, comprised of three members from the Senate and three from the Assembly, to monitor the commission. The legislators so appointed shall have no vote in commission proceedings.

9149.6. (a) Four members of the commission shall constitute a quorum to do business, and no action of the commission may be taken except upon an affirmative recorded vote of four or more members.

(b) All meetings of the commission shall be open to the public.

(c) The commission shall meet upon call of the chairperson and at such other times as it may prescribe.

9149.7. The commission shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To prepare, complete, and, from time to time, to amend, a comprehensive master plan, based on a priority of needs, for the restoration, preservation, and maintenance of the historic State Capitol.

(b) To review and advise the Legislature on any development, improvement, or other physical change in any aspect of the historic State Capitol.

(c) To manage, with the approval of the Joint Rules Committee, all historic and museum spaces and any concessions, in the historic State Capitol.

(d) To develop and manage historic art loans or other programs, exhibits, films, convocations, or other activities of an historic, architectural, or cultural nature, including any museum space in the historic State Capitol, as the commission determines will serve the interests of the public and promote public interest in the historic State Capitol under Joint Rules Committee supervision.

(e) To purchase for the state, or to accept as gifts to the state, any furnishings, artifacts, works of art, or other property which the commission determines will enhance the historic and cultural aspects of the historic State Capitol. All furnishings, artifacts, works of art or other property so acquired shall be managed by the commission under supervision of the Joint Rules Committee.

(f) To accept financial contributions from any source, public or private, including any advisory foundation or group.

(g) To do any other act which the commission determines will maintain or enhance the historic and cultural legacy of the historic State Capitol.

9149.8. In carrying out its duties and responsibilities under this article, the commission shall follow accepted standards for restoration, preservation, and maintenance of historic structures, including all of the following, where applicable and feasible:

(a) Standards for historic preservation, maintenance, recordation, and documentation of landmarks, promulgated by the United States Department of the Interior or its successor.

(b) Guidelines and museum management procedures, established by the National Trust for Historic Preservation or its successor.

(c) Standards, procedures, and guidelines for maintenance and protection of historic properties established or administered by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the Office of Historic Preservation.

(d) The management, conservation, and accession policies and procedures for historic features and artifacts developed for the Capitol

Museum project interpretive program of the Joint Rules Committee in connection with the State Capitol Restoration Project conducted under Section 9124.

(e) Recommended procedures of the American Association of Museums.

9149.9. The commission shall maintain and may utilize all historic data, research, and project files developed and gathered by the state, and in the possession of the state, in connection with the State Capitol Restoration Project. On the date that the commission commences business, all of the written materials covered under this section shall be transferred to the State Archives to inventory, process, and store on behalf of the commission.

9149.10. The commission may request and shall receive assistance and data, relevant to the commission's duties and responsibilities, from every agency of state government.

9149.11. The commission shall maintain complete records of its proceedings and may publish reports and other publications in connection with its duties and responsibilities.

9149.12. The commission shall use any funds appropriated to its use, or allocated to its use by the Joint Rules Committee, donated to it, or acquired as revenue from any concession operated in the State Capitol, only for purposes of furthering the objectives of this article.

9149.13. The commission shall review and advise on any interagency agreement for management of concessions within historic State Capitol.

9149.14. The commission shall employ an executive officer, who shall have at least three years of administrative curatorial experience in the cultural or historic preservation fields, and staff persons as may be necessary to provide administrative services to the commission. No person may be employed as executive officer without approval, by majority vote, of the members of the Joint Rules Committee.

9149.15. The commission may contract with any agency, public or private, for services, in connection with the commission's duties and responsibilities, as the commission determines to be necessary, including, but not limited to, the Department of Parks and Recreation in connection with the management of the Capitol Museum, as approved by the Joint Rules Committee. These contracts shall be subject to and consistent with existing laws, rules, and state policy regarding contracts with private firms or individuals for services provided to the state.

9149.16. The commission annually shall report to the Legislature on its activities. The commission shall propose to the Legislature such recommendations for legislation in connection with the historic State Capitol as the commission determines to be necessary.

9149.17. The commission shall be supported by allocations by the Joint Rules Committee from the Contingent Funds of the Assembly and Senate. The commission annually shall submit to the Joint Rules Committee a proposed budget for each fiscal year. The budget shall be subject to approval by a majority vote of the Joint Rules Committee.

SEC. 9. Of any funds appropriated by Chapter 246 of the Statutes of 1975, Chapter 28 of the Statutes of 1979, and Chapter 214 of the Statutes of 1980 to the Contingent Funds of the Assembly and Senate for purposes of restoration or rehabilitation of the State Capitol as provided

in Section 9124 of the Government Code, which are not expended upon completion of the project of restoration or rehabilitation by the prime contractor and the return of the custody of the building to the state, one-half is reappropriated to the Assembly Contingent Fund and one-half is reappropriated to the Senate Contingent Fund.

SEC. 10. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order that the Historic State Capitol Commission commence its work as soon as possible, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

**MAINTENANCE SUMMARIES**  
**1982 - 1995**

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In reviewing files dating prior to 1988, it appears as though the majority of work done with/through the Department of General Services (DGS) was for the first time; in other words, numerous procedures were being established, guidelines for maintenance and care of the furniture and artwork were being researched and established, and building staff (specifically DGS) was discovering what was required for dealing with the janitorial needs of the Historic State Capitol Building. It is apparent that an inordinate amount of staff time was spent on researching, talking with experts in the field, and trying to educate DGS on maintenance of an historic building.

**YEARLY STAFF ACTIVITIES**

- 1982** - *researched general maintenance procedures  
advised DGS on proper maintenance of antique furnishings  
reviewed plant maintenance in leadership offices  
recommended specific DGS staff for Historic State Capitol jobs  
maintained antique furnishings/painting)  
recommended protective stanchions for basement rotunda Mathews murals*
- 1983** - *assisted in maintenance of governors' portraits  
reviewed specifications for cleaning floors and carpets  
completed maintenance/repair surveys for leadership offices,  
Chambers, 1st floor conference rooms, public areas*
- 1986** - *researched public and private institutions on maintenance procedures  
completed furnishings and art collection inventories*
- 1988** - *continued maintenance/repair inventories with additional recommendations  
on proper procedures  
completed maintenance/repair inventories of public areas*
- 1989** - *advised on carpet replacement in Majority Leader's office  
recommended corridor tile repair/replacement  
arranged conservation of governors' portraits  
advised on physical improvements to basement cafeteria wall  
reviewed installation of cellular emergency call boxes  
in Capitol Park  
advised on various capitol maintenance problems - portico lighting, missing  
hardware, cafeteria tray disposal area, damaged rotunda wainscotting,  
billroom carts, leaking cafeteria vaulted ceiling  
reported continuing problems with basement rotunda receptions -  
damage to Mathews murals and floor  
reviewed repairs to damaged museum room window  
continued talks with DGS on improved maintenance  
established specifications for painting of restored Capitol interiors  
attempted to establish a DGS preventative maintenance schedule  
reviewed replacement of Senate Gallery carpet*

*reviewed maintenance/safety check of Capitol light fixtures  
reviewed and advised on repair/repainting of Capitol Park lampposts  
established instructions for silk drape maintenance  
advised replacement of modern ceramic containers with reproduction urns*

- 1990** - *reported on required portico stone conservation  
reviewed repair of Historic Capitol elevator cars  
recommended pest control system for Capitol exterior  
reported on continuing problems with basement rotunda receptions  
reviewed carpet specifications/installations in Capitol  
reported on graffiti problems  
reviewed specifications for manufacture and installation of exterior handrails;  
examined rusting problems with existing handrails  
established cleaning/maintenance schedule for Capitol light fixtures  
recommended cleaning of Columbus and Isabella statue  
reported continuing problems with use of metal carts  
established monthly "walkarounds" with Senate Rules/DGS  
inspected repair of broken tiles in basement hallways  
advised on pigeon control system  
continued recommendations to replace monumental staircase Carpet  
advised and reviewed color specifications for painting of Senate  
leadership offices  
recommended budget to develop maintenance manual  
reviewed DGS carpet cleaning procedures and schedule  
reviewed problems with Senate Chamber fabric wall stains  
recommended permanent, removable handrails at basement rotund  
Mathews murals  
inspected and recommended ADA-required restroom upgrades*
- 1991** - *provided carpet cleaning and maintenance information to DGS  
continued review of Chamber fabric wall stain problems  
reviewed rotunda wainscoting painting  
advised and reviewed specifications for painting of museum rooms  
reviewed specifications for replacing Capitol door thresholds  
reviewed paint samples for Capitol interiors  
recommended and compiled specifications for cleaning of  
Columbus and Isabella statue  
recommended cleaning light fixtures in Chambers  
reviewed anchorage problems in Senate gallery seating  
reviewed graffiti removal from exterior granite*
- 1992** - *reviewed specifications for application of anti-graffiti material  
to Capitol exterior  
compiled list of DGS departmental errors to show need for Commission  
oversight  
compiled specifications for replacing/repairing/installing monumental  
staircase carpet*



*reviewed specifications/color samples for painting conference rooms  
advised painting of Capitol Rotunda  
recommended graffiti removal*

**1993** - *recommended carpet repairs*

*continued review of monumental staircase carpet replacement  
reviewed replacement and installation of pay telephones  
advised on pest control problems in carpets  
reviewed placement of monuments in Capitol Park  
advised on cleaning governors' portraits  
reviewed light fixture retrofitting  
compiled specifications for replacing cafeteria carpet  
reviewed upgrade of public restrooms (ADA)*

**1994** - *advised and reviewed specifications for refinishing west wing elevators*

*reviewed specifications for rewiring Capitol Park lampposts  
compiled specifications and reviewed installation of handrails in  
basement rotunda and back of Chambers  
recommended remounting of Capitol artwork  
advised on portico floor and granite steps cleaning proposals  
reviewed reupholstery of cafeteria seating*

**1995** - *advised on restoration of Room 500, Library and Courts*

*reviewed specifications for removal of graffiti from Capitol exterior  
compiled list of stone conservators  
advised on chamber fabric wall stains and related acoustical problems  
finalized installation of handrails in Chambers  
provided specifications on proper drapery maintenance*

**ART SUMMARIES  
1981-1995**

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In reviewing art loan program files prior to 1988, it appears as though the majority of the work done consisted of contacting potential donors/lenders and receiving loan paintings; placing loan paintings; adjusting the art loan insurance policy; and returning loan paintings to lending institutions.

**YEARLY STAFF ACTIVITIES**

- 1981-83 -** *investigated feasibility of art loan program  
organized recommendations for Capitol Art Program  
researched potential sources for artwork  
established insurance policy for art loans  
recommended policies for screening artwork for Capitol  
advised on proper dusting of paintings  
researched artwork originally displayed in Capitol  
arranged artwork for Senate Women's Lounge  
conducted tours of loan collection  
compiled art lists  
established contacts with professional art handlers*
- 1984-85 -** *researched various insurance companies/policies  
formulated art lists  
received art loans for Senate Women's Lounge  
accepted art donations to non-profit (California Capitol Historic  
Preservation Society)  
researched artists in loan/permanent collection  
arranged appraisals for non-profit collection*
- 1987 -** *resolved problems with installation in Assembly offices  
continued contacts with professional art handlers  
worked with DGS on art handling problems  
handled 3rd party loans  
provided background information on paintings and artists to members  
researched formal methods for unveiling portraits  
responded to queries on Capitol artwork  
arranged conservation work for non-profit artwork  
received additional loans for Senate Women's Lounge  
accepted donations to non-profit*
- 1988 -** *provided background information on paintings and artists to members*
- 1989 -** *handled 3rd party loans  
accepted donations to non-profit  
provided background information on paintings and artists to members*
- 1990 -** *arranged restoration work on loan paintings/frames  
arranged restoration work on governors' portraits*

*responded to queries on loan/permanent collection*  
*began Quincentennial activities (Joint Committee on the*  
*Quincentennial/California Pavilion at Seville World's Fair)*  
*advised Governor's staff on procedures and specifications for governor's*  
*portrait*  
*proposed conservation, protection and maintenance of Mathews' murals*  
*handled 3rd party loans*  
*accepted donations to non-profit*  
*arranged conservation of Lucile Lloyd murals*  
*assisted members with constituent requests*  
*provided background information on paintings and artists to members*

**1991 -** *assisted in compilation of State Capitol Emergency Plan for historically*  
*significant artifacts*  
*compiled research on Lloyd murals, arranged for appraisal, reviewed*  
*conservators' bids*  
*supervised hanging of governors' portraits*  
*handled requests to return artwork to Capitol*  
*reviewed overall installation of governors' portraits*  
*researched potential sources for loan artwork*  
*arranged loans to State Treasurer and Lt. Governor offices*  
*compiled research for scholars*  
*answered queries into artwork in Capitol*  
*handled 3rd party loans*  
*accepted donations to non-profit*  
*provided background information on paintings and artists to members*  
*initiated paperwork to return Leutze painting to Capitol*

**1992 -** *supervised installation of Lloyd murals*  
*arranged professional photography of lenders' paintings*  
*arranged restoration work on non-profit artwork*  
*accepted donation to non-profit*  
*arranged donation to Preservation Action Auction*  
*assisted scholar in research on Mathews murals*  
*researched display procedures for pictures of Justices for Court of Appeal,*  
*3rd district*  
*arranged for return of Leutze painting to Capitol*  
*handled 3rd party loans*

**1993 -** *assisted scholar with research on Mathews murals*  
*continued arrangements for return of Leutze painting to Capitol*  
*handled 3rd party loans*  
*arranged conservation work on governors' portraits*  
*arranged cleaning of all governors' portraits*  
*assisted legislative staff with hanging artwork*  
*arranged donation to Preservation Action Auction*  
*assisted with loans to Governor's and State Treasurer's Office*  
*assisted researchers with California Women Artists loan exhibition*

*reported on damage and recommended cleaning of Mathews murals  
accepted donation to non-profit  
arranged for conservation work on Leutze painting/frame*

**1994 -** *established standard exhibit criteria for displays  
conducted tours  
advised Senate staff on framing of Legislative members' photos  
co-sponsored exhibits with DPR State Capitol Museum  
arranged loan artwork from State Library for pro Tem  
assisted in research on U.S. State Capitol art collection  
reviewed hanging/hardware systems for seismic safety  
negotiated preventative maintenance program with State Capitol Museum  
for permanent artwork  
reviewed proposal for cafeteria photo mural display  
arranged donation to Preservation Action Auction  
handled 3rd party loans  
arranged restoration work on governors' portraits*

**1995 -** *reviewed DPR proposal for Mathews murals exhibition  
arranged restoration work on Leutze painting  
responded to request from Paramount Pictures for loan of Governor's portrait  
co-sponsored exhibit with DPR State Capitol Museum  
handled 3rd party loans  
answered queries raised by non-profit on insurance policy  
arranged restoration work on Leutze frame  
accepted loan artwork  
accepted donation to non-profit  
supervised art installation in Secretary of State's Office  
provided background information on paintings and artists to Lt. Governor  
arranged restoration work on loan paintings/frames  
renewed and increased art loan insurance policy*

**FURNISHINGS SUMMARIES  
1976-1995**

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Early furnishings files document that the primary responsibility of the Capitol Restoration Project furnishings design team was to acquire traditional reproduction furniture for the functional interior spaces of the Historic State Capitol. A portion of the furnishings budget was also used to provide authentic, period antiques for several key legislative rooms. These efforts were called the "Capitol Historical Furnishings Project." Staff established criteria for furniture and researched what was favored by the original designers. Staff also adhered to museum standards, accessioned and catalogued each piece, and began a maintenance program. The "Furnishings Exchange Program" was established in order to acquire pieces from other state and federal agencies. Staff also oversaw the reproduction of fabrics, draperies, and carpets.

**YEARLY STAFF ACTIVITIES**

- 1982 -**     *arranged for repairs to damaged antique furnishings  
began repair logbook for repairs to antique furnishings*
- 1985 -**
- 1989**     *arranged for repairs to damaged antique furnishings*
- 1990 -**     *recommended selections and reviewed specifications for refinishing and  
reupholstering furnishings in pro Tem's office suite  
provided staff instructions for upkeep of antique clocks  
researched appropriate upholstery styles and braiding  
searched for appropriate antiques for leadership offices  
arranged transfer of antique furnishings from Department of Parks and  
Recreation, State Capitol Museum  
researched repair and cleaning techniques for oriental rugs  
arranged for repairs to damaged antique furnishings  
provided background information to members on antiques in leadership offices  
provided specifications for fabrication of a Senate  
gift display cabinet with lighting options*
- 1991 -**     *searched for antiques for Assembly Speaker's office suite  
completed inspection of leadership office furnishings for maintenance/repairs  
inspected Legislative Chamber desk anchoring system  
arranged cleaning of upholstered antique furnishings  
recommended treatment for all leather desk tops  
arranged loan of furnishings to State Treasurer's Office  
arranged transfer of furnishings from LA Court of Appeal  
supervised furnishings move for Senate Chamber TV system installation  
advised Senate Rules staff on Room 4203 retrofit  
arranged placement of oriental rugs in Senate Office of Protocol  
arranged for repairs to damaged antique furnishings*
- 1992 -**     *provided suitable furnishings for Majority Leader's office and Senate Sergeants  
arranged for repairs to damaged antique furnishings  
completed inspection of leadership office furnishings for maintenance/repairs*

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*arranged transfer of furniture from Department of Parks and Recreation,  
State Capitol Museum*

*coordinated office moves with pro Tem's staff  
organized objects for Senate gift display cabinet  
researched options for refinishing Senate Chamber dais*

- 1993 -** *arranged for repairs to damaged antique furnishings  
supervised modifications to reproduction cabinets in Majority Leader's office  
and 3rd floor hallway  
researched lighting options for Senate gift display case  
arranged for restoration, cleaning, stabilization and loan of 3 marble  
pedestals and busts  
loaned antique furnishings to State Treasurer's office  
arranged for pest control service for warehouse storage  
supervised installation of lighting system in gift display cabinet and  
building of base  
provided background information to members on marble busts  
arranged inspection and rotation of oriental rugs  
arranged transfer of historical objects from Department of Parks and Recreation,  
State Capitol Museum*

- 1994 -** *arranged for repairs on damaged antiques  
assisted with usage redesign of pro Tem's office suite (change of leadership)  
completed furnishings binder for pro Tem  
purchased suitable antiques for leadership offices  
reviewed specifications for refinishing Senate Chamber dais  
instigated discussion on establishing plant policy in leadership offices  
installed Senate Gift display cabinet  
reviewed and approved fabric for basement cafeteria chairs  
reviewed retrofitting of Senate Chamber desks - prep for personal computers  
established policy for members to take floor chairs at end of term  
terminated furnishings loan agreement with State Treasurer*

- 1995 -** *arranged for repairs on damaged antiques  
advised on selection of furnishings and supervised installation in Assembly  
Leadership office  
searched for antiques for Senate Chamber  
resumed search for antiques for pro Tem's office  
researched replication of flagstands and wastebaskets  
advised on selection of china, flatware and glassware for Speaker's office*

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