

America 250 Missouri Commission
Monday, March 10, 2025
10:00 a.m. – Truman Building Room 750A

The first meeting of the America 250 Missouri Commission was called to order by Chair Renee Pace, the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag was led by Howard Fisk.

Chair Pace welcomed the members present and asked each member to introduce themselves and provide personal background and interest in the commission. Esther Rosner was elected as the Secretary, with the responsibility of taking meeting minutes.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7 creating the America 250 Missouri Commission was reviewed in detail by Mrs. Pace with emphasis on the principal purpose, relationship with the United States Semiquincentennial Commission, and the numerated points outlining the focus of work by the commission. Discussions ensued regarding ways to carry out the purpose of the commission and included a variety of topics including activities and events; ideas for partnering with existing organizations; logo and branding; website development; promotion of events with possible utilization of newspaper and radio; community involvement; opportunities for education including materials in schools, items for the 2025-2026 school year; and timeline for Missouri programming with promotion at the Missouri State Fair.

Discussion regarding the benefits of reviewing projects and procedures utilized for the Missouri Bicentennial, incorporate winning ideas and develop new to promote America 250. Reflections on the Missouri Bicentennial were shared and it was noted the Quilt included notation it was one of the most popular projects during that celebration.

Members moved into self-selected focus groups to further develop ideas and utilize talent and resources within the group.

- Education Opportunities
- Community Engagement
- State Department Representatives in attendance

Following a brief recap from focus groups, a discussion was held regarding the start time of the next meeting of the commission. It was determined the next meeting will be on **Monday, April 21st at noon**, Truman Building, room to be determined based on availability.

Submitted, Esther Rosner

Commission Members in Attendance:

Alex Curchin, Sen. Mike Bernskoetter, Rep. Doug Clemens, Howard Fisk, Dr. Gary Kremer, Renee Pace, Esther Rosner, Pat Thomas, Rep. Dean Van Schoiack, and Dr. Al Voelker.