

IMLS Grant Conference Call—December 15, 2006

1. Jim Rettig reported that he submitted the project for the Gabriella Page Historic Preservation Award from the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities; see <http://www.apva.org/awards>. Winners will be announced on January 30.
2. Project status:
 - a. Richmond will continue developing the Web site and will also continue to collect data for the outcomes assessment plan.
 - b. Tufts will use its remaining funds for additional digitization.
3. As of December 14, 2006, the balance in our grant was \$43,735.16:

\$43,735.16	Overall balance
<u>\$43,159.31</u>	Tufts' balance
\$ 575.85	UR balance

 - a. Richmond has identified an appropriate use for \$500 of its remaining funds.
 - i. Chris Kemp will send Tufts the comments submitted in response to the site's questionnaire.
 - ii. Chris Kemp is rewriting the FAQ and developing audience-specific search pages (e.g., genealogists)
 - b. Tufts will use its funds for improvements based on user suggestions.
 - c. Greg Crane raised a question about the project's relationship to the VCDH and would like to get a sense of what incoming president Ayers would like. Jim Gwin said he would convey this to Bob Kenzer before Prof. Kenzer's lunch meeting with Prof. Ayers.
4. Rachel Frick raised questions about additional uses of the Tufts names authority file. Virginia Commonwealth University's hospital has antecedents in the hospital run by Sally Tompkins. VCU is doing a project to list patients admitted and discharged. How can the authority file help link the VCU records and the newspaper records. Greg Crane recommended an alternative approach.
5. Chris Kemp gave Tufts a gentle reminder about returning hard drives.