

Declaration of ISCARSAH Concerning the Exterior Masonry Restoration of the Nebraska State Capitol

1. The International Scientific Committee on the Analysis and Restoration of Structures of Architectural Heritage (ISCARSAH), a Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), held its official meeting at the Nebraska State Capitol in Lincoln, Nebraska, USA on 16 and 17 May 2000. Members in attendance were Giorgio Croci (Italy), Lyne Fontaine (Canada), Melvyn Green (USA), Stephen J. Kelley (USA), David Look (USA), Wolf Schmidt (Germany), Heinrich Schroeter (Germany), Ramiro Sofronie (Romania), Asoka Palitha Wijeratne (Sri Lanka), and David Yeomans (UK). During this time ISCARSAH took part in a workshop to review and critique the exterior masonry restoration that was in progress at the Capitol.
2. ISCARSAH wishes to express their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the State of Nebraska for hosting this meeting and workshop.
3. ISCARSAH recognizes the importance of this skyscraper Capitol with a distinctly American architectural vocabulary, that represents an example of not just American heritage but also of international significance.
4. ISCARSAH ascertained that the people of Nebraska justly exhibit great pride in this heritage structure and, through their government, have wisely furnished the necessary funding for its maintenance and restoration.
5. The Department of Administrative Services has developed an excellent organization for sensitive maintenance of the Capitol. The care shown to the extensive archival collection is exemplary. This organization and archival collection are models for projects of this caliber.
6. The interior character of the monument retains a very high degree of authenticity, and these heritage features have been well protected in past restorations. It is anticipated that the exterior restoration will receive the same respect.
7. ISCARSAH appreciates the restoration work that has been done so far on the exterior of the Capitol. It is in keeping with the goals set forth in **Principles** and **Guidelines** of ISCARSAH.
8. ISCARSAH is convinced that treatment procedures for the exterior masonry restoration have been responsibly and sensitively designed, and the work that has been performed thus far has been of the highest quality.
9. ISCARSAH recommends that a program of controls be implemented to monitor the treatment procedures being implemented during the exterior restoration over the coming years.
10. ISCARSAH assumes as its duty of honor to share with other American and worldwide experts the experience lived on the site of the restoration of the Nebraska State Capitol.

President of ISCARSAH

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