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AAM Professional Development Webinars Available at No Cost to Local History Museums

January 29, 2010 – South Saint Paul, Dakota County, MN – Local history museums are invited to send staff or volunteers to participate in American Association of Museums webinars at the Lawshe Memorial Museum in South Saint Paul, Minnesota. The Dakota County Historical Society has purchased a block of passes to a series of training webinars and is providing access to these free of charge to peer institutions.

As spaces are limited, interested individuals or institutions MUST RSVP at least one business day in advance of each webinar to Maureen Bouchard, office manager, either by phone at (651) 552-7548 or by email at: dakotahistory@co.dakota.mn.us.

Important note: DCHS is allowed to host groups of participants at its Lawshe Memorial Museum, 130 Third Avenue North, South Saint Paul, MN 55075. DCHS may **not** distribute remote login information so participants must be on site at DCHS.

Please see www.dakotahistory.org for up-to-date information. See also the American Association of Museums website www.aam-us.org.

Webinar Details – Provided by the American Association of Museums

Times adjusted to Central Time.

Executive Suite: Planning for Leadership Transition

February 9, 10, 11 • 1-2:30 p.m. each day (3-part web conference)

Explore succession planning, executive leadership and fostering leaders throughout your museum.

Straight Talk 2010: Communicating with Your Boss, Staff and Teams

March 8, 9, 10 • 1-2:30 p.m. each day (3-part web conference)

Learn to communicate and manage up, down and across your organization.

Project Management: Beyond Basics

April 7 • 1-2:30 p.m.

Develop a Scope of Work, including roles and responsibilities, budget, timelines and milestones.

Handling Non-Traditional Objects

April 21 • 1-2:30 p.m.

Explore handling non-traditional works during exhibition and storage.

Disaster Preparedness 2010: Works on Paper

May 5 • 1-2:30 p.m.

Be prepared for addressing works on paper after water emergencies.

Technology, Interpretation and Education 2010

June (Dates TBD) • 2-day web conference

Learn about recent technology innovations and trends in museums.

2010 Museum Essentials Webinar Series:

Museum Standards and Best Practices Primer

July 7 • 1-2:30 p.m.

Explore the standards and best practices that guide museums and impact the field.

21st Century Museum and School Partnerships

July 21 • 1-2:30 p.m.

Rethink the potential of true partnerships between museums and schools.

Step-by-Step Collections Acquisition

September (date TBD) • 1-2:30 p.m.

A “basics” look at the step-by-step process of bringing an object into your collection.

Understanding the Three Dimensions of Your Board

October 20 • 1-2:30 p.m.

Engage board members by understanding their fiduciary role and how they can be strategic for the organization.
