Throughout its history, the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation has played a significant role in the statewide commemoration of historic events. In 1996, this distinction was continued when the Virginia General Assembly passed a joint resolution designating the Foundation as the lead agency in coordinating Virginia’s role in commemorating the Jamestown quadricentennial in 2007. As a result, the Board of Trustees appointed the Jamestown 2007 Steering Committee to direct the planning efforts.

Following is a summary of the planning structure for the quadricentennial. This structure evolved over ten years as plans for the commemoration emerged, reaching beyond the state level to become local, national, and international in scope.

**JAMESTOWN 2007 PLANNING STRUCTURE**

**Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation Board of Trustees**
As the governing body of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, the Board of Trustees had oversight for the commemoration. The Foundation was appointed by the General Assembly in 1996 as the lead agency for coordinating Virginia’s role in the quadricentennial. The Board of Trustees meets semi-annually, in May and November.

Co-Chairmen: ................................................ Thomas K. Norment, Jr.
................................................. Vincent F. Callahan, Jr.
Vice Chairman: .............................................. H. Benson Dendy III
Secretary: .................................................... Suzanne O. Flippo
Treasurer: ................................................... M. Kirkland Cox
Foundation Executive Director: .................. Philip G. Emerson

**Jamestown 2007 Steering Committee**
This group was appointed by the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation’s Board of Trustees in 1996 to coordinate planning for the 2007 Jamestown quadricentennial. The Steering Committee, ceased to exist on June 30, 2008, is comprised of representatives of the three Jamestown partnering organizations—the Foundation, Colonial National Historical Park, and the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities—and others stakeholders in the commemoration. During the planning stages of the commemoration, the Steering Committee met three times annually.

Chairman: ...................................................... Stuart W. Connock
Vice Chairman: ................................................ Colin G. Campbell
Jamestown 2007 Executive Director: .......... Jeanne Zeidler

The Steering Committee created two subcommittees to help direct specific areas of planning for the commemoration—Logistics, chaired by Robert E. Martinez, and Programs & Events, chaired by Suzanne O. Flippo.
In order to more fully engage sponsors and other financial contributors in the commemoration, a 501 (c)(3) corporation, Jamestown 2007, Inc., was established in 2004. The organization is lead by a board of directors of up to seven members, three of whom must be members of the Jamestown 2007 Steering Committee.

**Jamestown 2007 Management Committee**

The group was appointed to oversee coordination of plans and efforts between the state’s Jamestown 2007 Steering Committee and the federal Jamestown 400th Commemoration Commission. Following are the members of the management committee, which met bi-weekly and on an as-needed basis during the planning stages of the commemoration.

- Thomas K. Norment, Jr. – Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation Board of Trustees
- H. Benson Dendy III – Jamestown 400th Commemoration Commission
- Stuart W. Connock – Jamestown 2007 Steering Committee Chairman
- Colin G. Campbell – Jamestown 2007 Steering Committee Vice Chairman

**Jamestown 2007 Executive Committee**

As the size of the Jamestown 2007 Steering Committee increased to include key stakeholders, a sub-set of the membership was appointed to act on its behalf when bringing the full committee together was not feasible or necessary. The Executive Committee, listed below, included representatives from each of the three Jamestown partners—Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, the National Park Service, and the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities—and met four times annually during the planning stages of the commemoration.

- Chairman: ......................................................Stuart W. Connock
- Vice Chairman:..............................................Colin G. Campbell
  - Honorable H. Benson Dendy III
  - Suzanne O. Flippo
  - William B. Kerkam III
  - Martha D. Marks
  - Robert E. Martinez
  - Danny McDaniel
  - Alexander L. Rives

**Jamestown 400th Commemoration Commission**

The federal commission was created by Congress in December 2000 through the Jamestown 400th Commemoration Commission Act of 2000 to ensure a successful national observance of the Jamestown 2007 anniversary. The members were appointed by the Secretary of the Interior in January 2003 to work closely with the Commonwealth of Virginia to showcase Jamestown’s rich natural and cultural resources as they plan, develop, and execute commemorative programs and activities at the national level.

- Chairman: ......................................................Frank B. Atkinson
- Co-Vice Chairmen:........................................Nancy N. Campbell
  - ......................................................H. Benson Dendy III

- Federal Commission Executive Director: .....Horace E. “Chip” Mann
Historic Triangle Jamestown 2007 Host Committee
This group was charged with coordinating the work of the Jamestown 2007 partners and engaging the Historic Triangle community in the 400th anniversary commemoration.

Chairman: ......................................................Jeanne Zeidler
Administrative Coordinator: .........................Kyra A. Cook

JAMESTOWN 2007 PLANNING PARTNERS

While the 2007 commemoration of the founding of Jamestown took in statewide, national, and international arenas, the focal point for this important anniversary was Jamestown. For the visitor, there are two sites that teach about America’s first permanent English settlement—Historic Jamestowne and Jamestown Settlement. Following is a brief description of each of the Jamestown partners. During America’s Anniversary Weekend (May 11-13, 2007), commemorative activities were focused at these two sites, as well as at Anniversary Park, which was created on vacant land located across Route 31 from Jamestown Settlement.

Historic Jamestowne
Historic Jamestowne is jointly administered by the National Park Service and the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA Preservation Virginia), and it is the original site of the 1607 settlement. APVA Preservation Virginia is the entity conducting the Jamestown Rediscovery archaeological project on the APVA property on Jamestown Island, investigating the remains of 1607-1698 Jamestown.

Colonial National Historical Park
Colonial National Park Superintendent: ....................P. Daniel Smith
Jamestown 400th Project Director: .........................Alexander L. “Sandy” Rives*
(* retired; served on the Executive Committee of the Jamestown 2007 Steering Committee and on the Jamestown 400th Commemoration Commission)

Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities
President, APVA Board of Trustees: .......................William B. Kerkam III
Executive Director: ....................................................Elizabeth S. Kostelny

Jamestown Settlement
Jamestown Settlement is a living-history museum of 17th-century Virginia located adjacent to Historic Jamestowne. It is a state-owned museum administered by the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation.

Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation Co-Chairs: .... Thomas K. Norment, Jr.
.................................................................Vincent F. Callahan, Jr.
Executive Director: ....................................................Philip G. Emerson