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BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday, October 9, 2021 8:30 AM-

Gettysburg, PA

MINUTES

I. Call to Order (Borden)

A. Sara Borden called the Business Meeting called to order at 8:33 AM.

II. Approval of the Agenda (Borden)

A. Sara Borden called for approval of the agenda which was moved and seconded. The members approved the agenda.

III. Approval of Spring 2021 Business Meeting Minutes (Borden)

A. Borden asked the members to review minutes at [2021 Spring Virtual Business Minutes Draft](#).

B. Valerie Metzler noted that John LeGloahec's name was misspelled. The members voted to approve the minutes as corrected.

IV. Chair's Report (Wink/Borden)

A. Tara Wink gave the chair's report at the plenary, on Friday, October 8, 2021.

B. The Harrisonburg Spring 2022 meeting is in need of Local Arrangements Committee co-chairs. Volunteers should contact Mary Mannix.

C. Nominations and Elections are open for several positions and officer roles. Members should contact Heather Perez, Nominations and Elections Committee chair for questions or for nominations.

D. Please consider nominating someone from the membership for the distinguished service award. Contact Jennie Knies to nominate someone.

E. The Steering Committee has begun working on the next Strategic Plan for MARAC. Some of our accomplishments from the last strategic plan were: 1.

1. Creation of a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, which has awarded the first Session award here at Gettysburg;
2. Introduction of a Code of Conduct;
3. Implementing a mentoring program; and
4. Completing a successful virtual conference in Spring 2021.

F. Next year marks the 50th anniversary of MARAC. The 50th Anniversary committee is planning many events throughout the year culminating in a longer, larger meeting at College Park, MD.

V. Meeting Coordinator's Report (Mannix)

A. There are 242 people in attendance at Gettysburg. This is down from the usual number around 400, but still we are happy to have an in-person conference.

B. Handouts are on the tables regarding plans for the Spring 2022 Harrisonburg Meeting March 24-27, 2022.

- C. The 50th anniversary meeting will be in College Park, MD in October 2022.
- D. Spring 2023 will be a return to a virtual meeting. Mary is looking for members for virtual and Saratoga Springs meetings.
- E. Scott Keefer and Cindy Bendroth thanked everyone involved in the local arrangements committee: Mary Atwell, Jessica Boyer, Rebecca Collier, Jim Gerencser, Anita Hoffman, Taylor Mason, Carolyn Sautter, Jasmine Smith, Theresa Altieri Taplin, Marie Valigorsky, and Martavis Washington.
- F. Rachel Grove Rohrbaugh and Joy Scherry (Rachel was not present) thank everyone involved in the program committee: Colleen Bradley-Sanders, Tabitha Cary, Ilhan Citak, Bryan Dickerson, Christina Taylor Gibson, Emma Horning, Adrienne Johnson, Brigette Kamsler, Stacey Lavender, Karolina Lewandowska, Amy Lucadamo, Pamela McClanahan, Elizabeth McGorty, Valerie Metzler, Heather Perez, Lela Sewell-Williams, Kim Sims, and Hallel Yadin.

VI. Treasurer's Report (May)

- A. MARAC is seeking a new treasurer, consider running for the role.
- B. The quarterly reports are available on the tables.
- C. As an organization MARAC is doing fine financially.

VII. Awards Announcements & Presentations (Bell)

A. Arline Custer Memorial Award

1. Tabitha Cary is giving the award in place of chair Brigette Kamsler. There were 22 nominations.
2. The 2021 Arline Custer Memorial Award for books goes to Mary Rizzo, for her book *Come and Be Shocked: Beyond John Waters and the Wire*. Published by Johns Hopkins University Press, on the history of Baltimore and how the city has been represented in media. It drew heavily on local archival sources.
3. The 2021 award for articles goes to Frank Batali, for "Counting Carlisle's Casualties: Defining Student Death in the Carlisle Indian Industrial School", published in *The American Indian Quarterly*, Fall 2020. The article incorporates qualitative and quantitative data analysis drawing on new archival sources.

B. Herbert Finch Online Publication Award

1. John Woods gave brief remarks about Herbert Finch. Ilhan Citak presented the award to The Rosenbach's exhibit: "I am American: the Authorship and Activism of Alice Dunbar-Nelson."

C. Service Awards

1. Mary Mannix requested that people nominate candidates for the Distinguished Service Award for the Spring meeting.

D. Travel Awards

1. Danna Bell presented the awards.
2. The Joan Echtenkamp Klein Meeting and Travel award was awarded to Jennifer Wachtel, a recent graduate of the University of Maryland who is currently working for History Associates.
3. The Marsha Trimble MARAC Meeting Scholarship was awarded to Taylor Mason, research analyst at the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Archives.
4. The Karen A. Stuart Local History Collection Scholarship was awarded Tesa Burns, archivist at the Hershey Community Archives.
5. Three additional travel awards were awarded to Lencia Beltran, volunteer in Charlottesville; Chelsea Post, Eastern University; and Allison Buser, MLS student at the University of Maryland.

E. Diversity and Inclusion Session Scholarship

1. The recipient of the inaugural Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship was "Using Community Collecting Projects and Partnerships to Increase the Diversity of Archival Holdings," proposed by Christy Fic and colleagues at Shippensburg University and Ohio County Public Library.

VIII. **New Business (Borden)**

- A. Borden asked members to run for offices.
- B. Steering Committee will be working on a new strategic plan beginning in 2022.
- C. Borden acknowledged of Sara Predmore's work for the conference.

IX. **Harrisonburg Presentation**

- A. Tyler Stump invited everyone to Harrisonburg, VA in the Spring, March 24-27, 2022 at the Hotel Madison. Harrisonburg is called the friendly city, welcoming to refugees. The city is close to the Shenandoah National Park, has a quilting museum, and is home to Virginia's first culinary district. Harrisonburg has been called 'The Paris of Western Virginia.'

X. **Announcements & Adjournment (Borden)**

Meeting adjourned 9:13 AM.

Prepared by Sarah Ponichtera 10/9/21

Signed by Tara Wink 3/26/22

Tara Wink