

Kansas City Area Archivists

29 March 2012 Spring Business Meeting

Minutes

Tonya Crawford, senior co-chair, convened the business meeting at 1 p.m.

Senior co-chair's report: Tonya announced that Morgan Davis, the former senior co-chair, left for her new job in Texas a month ago, and therefore Tonya did not have much to report as she was still new in the position and finding her way. She had several announcements to make, including the association needing a junior co-chair and a new awards committee chair. Other announcements included starting a recycling initiative at KCAA meetings and working around institutions that don't have their own recycling program when those institutions host KCAA meetings; retiring the postcards except on an opt-in basis for those who prefer receiving meeting reminders via postcard; and focusing more on electronic communications, including Facebook, the listserv, the website, and emailing the membership. Tonya encouraged the membership to post announcements and pictures from their institutions' events to the KCAA Facebook page, and she reminded everyone to join the listserv—instructions are available on the website.

Tonya also introduced the new webmaster, Erin Wolfe. He announced that the website has been updated and moved to its new domain (kcarchivists.org) and asked that if anybody had any suggestions for or problems with the site, they should contact him.

Treasurer's report: Have \$1763 in checking account—will probably be somewhat less after the spring meeting's income and expenses are added up—and over \$12,000 in the money market account. This account is rarely touched, except when drawing from it for scholarships. Maggi reminded everyone that 5% of membership dues go to the scholarship fund and 5% go to the minority internship fund. The scholarship fund has \$4,452 in it, and the minority internship fund is still in the negative \$909. Maggi also asked that the membership check with her to find out if they owe dues or not.

Education Committee: Kristine introduced herself as the new education committee chair and said that she is looking for volunteers to help with the fall educational symposium. Her current topic idea is Objects 101, giving archivists basic ideas regarding how to take care of objects in their collections.

Scholarship Committee: Marcella introduced herself as both the Secretary & Scholarship Committee chair for KCAA. She reported that the updated rules/procedures and application form have been put on the new website. Only one scholarship application has been received this year; Janice Lee will be attending MAC next month, and she encouraged the membership to consider applying for a scholarship to attend something that would help them develop in the profession. She also mentioned that KCAA really needs somebody to take over membership, as Tonya cannot do it all by herself, and that the Executive Committee was thinking this could be a duty of the junior co-chair, whose duties otherwise are very light.

Minority internship: The internship will go forward this summer, using money from the money market account; announcement should be going out soon. Letha plans to target the announcement to library schools in the region, the KU Museum Studies program, the KCAA listserv, etc. Letha also noted that any proceeds from the fall symposium go toward the minority internship funds.

History Day scholarships: In 2007, KCAA membership approved the awarding of scholarships to a Kansas and to a Missouri student to attend the national History Day competition on a five-year contract. That contract expires this year and will need to be renewed or discontinued next year. Letha asked the membership to consider whether this should be renewed on a year-to-year basis, another extended contract, or on some other plan or cycle.

MAC conference in Kansas City: MAC approached some Kansas City people to put together a proposal to host the conference in 2014. Kate Rogge out of Emporia has been working with a committee to put together this proposal, which was due to be turned in Friday, March 30. Individuals from the Kansas City Public Library, the Truman Presidential Library & Museum, NARA – Kansas City, Johnson County Museum, and the University of Kansas were on the committee. It's likely that Kansas City will indeed be the host city. MAC's spring meeting has not been in KC since 2003.

Tonya thanked the Kansas Historical Society and the State Archives for hosting the meeting and introduced the program speaker, ending the business meeting at 1:30 p.m.