

KCAA Spring Business Meeting (Zoom) May 26, 2022

Megan Burton, Senior Co-Chair, opened the meeting at 3:05 PM. Members of the steering committee introduced themselves and then reviewed the agenda.

Megan gave an update from the membership committee. She reported that the organization has 29 registered members for 2022. Anyone interested in helping attract new members should contact Liz Lumpkin, Membership Chair.

Lindsey Warner, Treasurer, next gave the treasurer's report. The organization currently has \$11,914.14 in total assets, with \$505 collected in membership fees for 2021. Due to expenses for the new website, Zoom account, banking fees, and sponsorship for the Midwest Archives Conference (MAC), the organization had a 3% loss in funding for the year.

Tara Laver, Scholarship Chair, announced that Anthony LaBat was awarded a scholarship to attend the Georgia Archives Institute. Additional scholarship funds are still available. Applicants must be KCAA members and submit applications 30 days prior to the event they wish to attend. Afterward, they are required write a summary of their experience for the newsletter.

Megan then presented the education committee report. KCAA is currently in need of an Education Committee Chair. This position helps plan the Fall Symposium, which typically consists of 3-4 speakers discussing a particular theme. The hope is for the event to be held in person this year, so a host site is needed. Tara recommended holding the Fall Symposium at the Truman Presidential Library and Museum and Laurie Austin, Newsletter Editor, seconded the proposal. Laurie stated that renovations of the Library's meeting spaces will be completed in the next few months. The rooms are filling up far in advance, so a reservation should be made soon. Megan asked for input on possible themes. Laurie suggested the use of archival materials in recent exhibits.

Laurie gave an update on the KCAA newsletter. She encouraged feedback as she is experimenting with different sections to include. Samantha Bradbeer mentioned that some material from past newsletters was gathered from the newsletters of other archival institutions, including MAC and the Society of American Archivists (SAA).

Lindy Smith, Website Administrator, provided an update on the website. SquareSpace seems to be working very well and Lindy said she hopes to have something new to present at the Fall Symposium. Attendees were encouraged to pass along any ideas to her.

Megan announced that KCAA is looking to fill a number of vacant positions on the steering committee, including Junior Co-Chair, Education Chair, Minority Internship Chair, and Social Media Chair. In addition, Lindsey and Tara are stepping down from their respective roles as Treasurer and Scholarship Chair. Megan detailed the duties of these positions and reassured

attendees that none of the positions are a major time commitment. Anyone interested in a position should reach out to Megan.

Lastly, Megan mentioned that in addition to the Fall Symposium, KCAA may host a summer mixer in the upcoming months. Details will be decided at a later date. With that, the business section of the meeting was concluded.

Tara then presented “Art and Archives: Putting It All Together” about the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art’s recent exhibition *Origins: Collecting to Create the Nelson-Atkins*. The exhibition combined artwork acquired during the first 10 years of the museum with supplementary archival materials. These materials focusing on the acquisition of the artworks and included correspondence, photographs, catalogues, notebooks, film, and oral interviews with art advisors. The exhibition also discussed how the time period, most notably the Great Depression, impacted the items that were collected. Tara said she had done exhibitions like this before, but nothing on such an enormous scale. In addition, the exhibition was put together in a mere five months as opposed to the normal 2–3-year process. Though some of her colleagues were skeptical of including archival materials, they received a lot of positive feedback from museumgoers who commented on how much the items added to the exhibition. The Nelson-Atkins is planning on doing a similar exhibition in the future.

The meeting ended at 4:19 PM.