

KCAA Fall Symposium Meeting
Truman Presidential Library and Museum
October 27, 2023

Danielle Hall, Education Chair, began the meeting at 4:02 PM. Introductions were made. Danielle stated that many steering committee positions remain vacant. Anyone interested in serving in a leadership role should contact Senior Co-Chair Megan Burton. The steering committee will also send out an email to inform members whether they are up to date with their annual membership dues.

Ethan Anderson, Secretary, informed new attendees that KCAA generally meets virtually every quarter and in-person twice a year, at the Spring Business Meeting and Fall Symposium. Information about the organization is available on the KCAA website.

Alex Welborn, Scholarship Chair, reported that funding is available for two scholarships. The awards, up to \$250, may be used to cover lodging, food, travel, or registration expenses related to professional conferences. Applications should be submitted 30 days prior to the event and members cannot receive more than \$250 in a three-year period. Award recipients are required to write a summary of the conference for the newsletter or give a presentation at the next KCAA business meeting. Marcella Huggard said that funding to attend conferences is also available through the Kansas State Historical Records Advisory Board (KSHRAB). Laurie Austin mentioned that funding is available for minority internships as well. The Minority Internship Chair is still vacant and filling this position would help ensure that money is awarded every year.

Samantha Bradbeer Stephens discussed the need to update the KCAA website as Megan is still listed as the Junior Co-Chair on the home page.

Marcella informed attendees that the Spencer Research Library at the University of Kansas currently has an exhibit on Shakespeare's first folio to mark the 400th anniversary of its publication. The exhibit runs through December 22.

Samantha said there had been talk at the Spring Business Meeting of hosting more in-person mixers and socials. She suggested the steering committee create a survey to judge the interest level of members. Attendees agreed that the topic should be reopened and listed events at Union Station, Crown Center, or a Gangster Tour as possible options.

With no further business, the meeting was ended at 4:14 PM.