

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting Midwest Archives Conference May 8, 2015

The following minutes are presented in draft form for informational purposes only. Membership will vote to approve this draft at the 2016 Members' Meeting.

President Amy Cooper Cary called the annual business meeting of the Midwest Archives Conference to order at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 2015, at the Hilton Lexington/Downtown in Lexington, Kentucky.

A quorum was present.

The agenda was approved. Minutes of the April 25, 2014, annual business meeting were approved as presented.

Presentation of 2015 Awards

John Fleckner, chair of the Editorial Board, announced that due to issues with submissions that delayed publication, the Margaret Cross Norton Award will be presented later this year. Scott Schwartz has agreed to chair the award committee, and the committee will review all submissions and make the award by September 1.

President Cooper Cary announced that the Presidents' Award will not be given this year, as the committee received no nominations to consider.

On behalf of the MAC Membership Committee, Alison Stankrauff presented the Emeritus Member Award to James Fogerty.

On behalf of the MAC Emeritus Scholarship for First-Time MAC Meeting Attendees, Cheri Thies presented the award to Karis Raeburn.

On behalf of the Archie Motley Memorial Scholarship for Minority Students Committee, Alison Stankrauff presented awards to Treshani Perera and Angelica Bullock.

On behalf of the Louisa Bowen Memorial Graduate Scholarship Committee, Elizabeth Wilkinson presented the award to Samantha Smith.

President Cooper Cary presented student poster awards to the following: first place, Harvey Long; second place, Melissa Schultz, Ryan Welle, and Molly McBride; and third place, Samantha Snyder.

President Cooper Cary announced the following student scholarship recipients: Kathryn Kuntz, John Milano, Karen Obermeyer-Kolb, Shae Rafferty, and Anna Trammell.

Other Acknowledgments and Recognitions

President Cooper Cary presented Council's resolution to recognize Aleda Downs for her work as MAC's graphic designer since 1996.

She thanked the 2015 Program Committee and Local Arrangement Committees, as well as outgoing committee chairs, and voting and ex officio members of Council. She welcomed new members of Council and committee chairs.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Joel Thoreson provided a detailed report on MAC's financial status. He noted that MAC ended its 2014 fiscal year with a surplus of \$7,542.31. This is \$19,000 better than expected. The 2015 budget currently projects a \$8,172 deficit. Some of this deficit may be mitigated by membership renewals in December.

Amendments to Governing Documents

President Cooper Cary introduced proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws. Council approved the proposals on September 11, 2014, and shared them with the membership in the January 2015 newsletter (as part of the Council minutes) and by e-mail on March 2, 2015, thereby fulfilling the 45-day notice to membership required by the Constitution.

President Cooper Cary read the first proposal as follows:

Council proposes amending Article VII of the Constitution by adding the phrase "of the membership" to the first sentence.

If amended, the sentence will read: "At least five (5) council members, one of whom shall be the Conference president or vice-president; and one-fourth (1/4) of the voting membership, or fifty (50) voting members, duly present, whichever is the smaller number, shall constitute a quorum of the membership at any regular or special meeting noted in this constitution and/or bylaws. A majority of the legal votes cast shall be required to take action unless otherwise specified."

It was moved and seconded to amend Article VII of the Constitution as proposed. The motion passed.

The proposed amendment to the Bylaws seeks to do the following: 1) harmonize language regarding quorum at

Council meetings with language in the Constitution, 2) permit “virtual” attendance by voting members of Council at Council meetings, and 3) state explicitly Council voting procedures. President Cooper Cary read the second proposal as follows:

Council proposes amending Article VI, Section 3 of the Bylaws by replacing “A majority of the members of council” with “At least five (5) council members, one of whom shall be the Conference president or vice-president”; and by inserting the phrase “either physically or by teleconference or videoconference,” in the first sentence; and by adding the sentence “A majority of the legal votes cast shall be required to take action unless otherwise specified.”

If amended, the section will read: “At least five (5) council members, one of whom shall be the Conference president or vice-president, present, either physically or by teleconference or videoconference, and entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum at a council meeting. A majority of the legal votes cast shall be required to take action unless otherwise specified.”

It was moved and seconded to amend Article VI, Section 3, of the Bylaws as proposed. The motion passed.

President’s Report

President Cooper Cary delivered her report to the membership. She discussed accomplishments over the last year, including the Speakers Bureau, appointment of a second teller, and adoption of SAA’s statement regarding Indiana’s Religious Freedom Restoration Act. She indicated that Council would undertake strategic planning later this year. She thanked membership for the opportunity to serve.

Vice President’s Report

Vice President McCartney thanked the 2015 Program and Local Arrangement Committees. He introduced Ann Kenne and Daardi Sizemore, cochair of the 2015 MAC Symposium Committee, who gave a brief presentation about the symposium followed by a video. He then introduced Anna Staddick, cochair of the 2016 Local Arrangements Committee, who gave a brief presentation about the meeting followed by a video.

President Cooper Cary made closing announcements and presented the gavel to incoming President Jennifer Johnson. There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Michael Doyle
Secretary

Strategic Planning Is Coming!

MAC Council will hold a strategic planning session for the organization in September to develop a new plan to replace the current one, which ends in 2015. You can review the current strategic plan on the MAC website under “About MAC,” or at this URL: www.midwestarchives.org/assets/documents/AdminDocs/strategicplan2011-2015.pdf.

If you have ideas about where MAC should be in 2020, please share your thoughts with MAC President Jennifer Johnson, jennifer_i_johnson@cargill.com. Members will also be invited to review the proposed strategic plan and offer comments later this fall.