

## **OPC Membership Meeting**

**November 10, 2022**

**Via Google Meet**

### **Attendees**

#### Leadership:

Jim DaMico (Chair) – Archivist, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital

Kim Hoffman (Education & Programming) – Preservation Librarian, Miami University

Jamye Jamison (Secretary) – Paper Conservator/Owner, Jamison Art Conservation

Rachel Makarowski (Education & Programming) – Special Collections Librarian, Miami University

Andrew Mancuso (Marketing & Outreach) – Preservation Officer, Kelvin Smith Library, Case Western Reserve University

Miriam Nelson (Treasurer) – Director of the Mahn Center for Archives and Special Collections, Preservation & Digital Initiatives, Ohio University

Gena Reynolds (Marketing & Outreach) – Special Collections and Preservation Assistant, Oberlin College

#### Membership:

Amber Bales, Digitization Services Specialist at Miami University

Elizabeth Bardossy, Preservation Specialist, Cleveland Public Library

Matt Carissimi, Digitization Specialist, Ohio State University Libraries

Marcela Estevez, Head of Conservation, Ohio State University

Chatham Ewing, Digital Library Strategist, Cleveland Public Library

Sarah Hartzell, AV Digitization and Preservation Specialist, Ohio State University Libraries

Naomi Langer, Digitization Technician, Kelvin Smith Library of Case Western Reserve University

Amy McCrory, Digitization Program Manager, Ohio State University Libraries

Renee Pride, Preservation Specialist, Cleveland Public Library

Ashleigh Schieszer, Co-Lab Manager and Conservator, Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library

Victoria Schmitz, Collections Care Manager, Ohio State University Libraries

Marisha Sullivan, Head Librarian, Holden Forrest and Botanical Garden

Elizabeth Williams-Clymer, Special Collections Librarian, Kenyon College

#### Presentation only:

Miriam Centeno, Preservation & Digitization Strategist at Ohio State University Libraries

Colleen Fedewa, Metadata Librarian, Kelvin Smith Library of Case Western Reserve University

Ashlyn Oprescu, Book and Paper Conservator, Ohio State University

Doug Sanders

Ed Vermue, Special Collections and Preservation Librarian, Oberlin College Libraries

Chana Wolfson, Assistant Librarian, Hebrew Union College

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order: 10:03AM**

Agenda Review and Introductions

### **Chair Report (Jim DaMico)**

OH DIG – Meeting with OH DIG regarding joining forces with OPC on Oct 13<sup>th</sup> included Janet, Miriam and Ginny. Everyone is open to moving forward. There is a fear at OH DIG that they might be pigeon-holed into more of a preservation direction. Both organizations need to review bylaws and formulate an MOU. Next meeting is in early Dec to iron out details and figure out next steps on how to move forward.

LSTA grant winners – There were 9 grantees for 2022-2023. Thanks to everyone who reviewed grants and created the module for the online course.

OPC News – Kim will be leaving OPC and Ohio for a new job in New York. Amber Bales has been appointed to fill out the rest of Kim's term as co-chair of Education and Programming.

Professional development grants up to \$500 – Please spread the word. We want to give away money!

### **Chair Elect Report (Ginnie Dressler)**

Ginnie sits on the planning committee for OH DIG and thinks it will be a good fit for them to align with OPC. It would be a good way to cross promote both orgs to each other. Of course OH DIG always welcomes everyone from OPC to join.

Presented about OPC at OH Local History Alliance and has been promoting to faculty members. There will be a promotion in graduate newsletter at Kent State.

### **Approval of Minutes (Jamy Jamison)**

Minutes for the September 2022 Membership meeting were distributed to members over email. Jamye asked if there were any changes. None noted.

**Jim proposed to accept the September Meeting minutes as written. Ashleigh second. All in favor.**

### **Finance Report (Miriam Nelson)**

Wild Apricot charged us 4 times for our annual membership – unsure why it happened but it seems to have been resolved on their end. They refunded the 3 erroneous charges but it's not reflected in the Oct balance sheet. \$14190 is the current balance, but should be higher by \$1188 from the refund. Miriam will confirm with OH Net and will send an update for the minutes. Overall OPC is looking solid in terms of finances.

### **Membership Report (Jim DaMico for Kristin Muenz)**

Membership survey is still open and there will be a reminder sent later today. There is a prize for filling it out - \$25 gift card. Response has been low, but we're unsure exactly to whom the emails have been going. Email was pushed out through Wild Apricot. Could it be sent via Walter so perhaps more of the active membership will see it?

### **Outreach Report (Andrew Mancuso & Gene Reynolds)**

They are still wanting to share things on Instagram so please send posts of interest to Gena/Andrew. They will make sure that OPC is following members and will repost content.

### **Education Report (Kim Hoffman & Rachel Makarowski)**

Onboarding Amber and getting her up to speed and oriented to OPC and the Education programming. They are hoping to incorporate OH DIG programming into OPC's regular education stream. Kim is going to Hamilton College in New York to be their Digital Specialist. Good luck Kim!

### **Round Robin – Reports from Members**

Ohio State University – Onboarding a lot of new people and reorganizing the Preservation Department. Getting close to hiring a photo and paper conservator. Rebuilding preservation and digitization department at OSU. Project with internet archive to digitize more everyday things. Victorian serials project to highlight how a number of books were serials first before becoming stand alone books. Also includes illustrations that were not included in the final version.

Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library – Jeff Peachy workshop on leather conservation, Andrew and Gena came down, leather dying, tool sharpening and using non-leather repairs. Tin type workshop. Working on interesting scrapbook.

Oberlin College – Gena did Peachy workshop. Starting project to digitize masters and honors thesis, which has been a logistical challenge. Regular stuff going on.

Case Western Reserve University – Andrew did Peachy workshop. Introduced to fish gelatin. Looking to fill two positions. Guest book from Karamu archive with amazing signatures but in rough shape. Long term digitization projects and trying to figure out how to deal with safety.

Holden Forrest and Botanical Garden – Writing procedures for lay people who process archives. Arsenic book covers have been discovered in the collection so dealing with how to handle those safely.

Ohio University – Working with Scene Savers on reformatting project. NEH grant for digitization. Looking at expanding digital preservation capacity.

Kent State University – Leak situation was not as bad as it could have been but still resulted in some damaged items, unfortunately from special collections. Fashion library collection being assessed and digitized. Looking at archives for WKSU and Ideastream merger.

Miami University of Ohio – Kim is getting ready to leave Miami. Teaching custom enclosures. Amber is focusing on long-term digitization project with postcards. Trying to wrap arms around digital collections with a digital assets register.

### **10:59AM Close of Business Meeting**

### **15 Minute Break (11:00 - 11:15)**

11:15-12:00 program

### ***Multispectral Imaging Across Ohio***

Multispectral Imaging Across Ohio, presented by Andrew Mancuso, Preservation Officer and Naomi Langer, Digitization Technician at the Kelvin Smith Library of Case Western Reserve University.

The Preservation Services team of the Kelvin Smith Library at Case Western Reserve University was the first test institution to host MISHA, Rochester Institute of Technology's NEH grant funded project to

develop a low-cost, end-to-end multispectral imaging system. They spent the early months of 2022 learning how to operate the equipment and bringing it on a tour of other Ohio institutions, gathering multispectral data on rare collections items across the state, including manuscripts, artworks, and selected Ege leaves.

For more information on the

project: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/10997348f60741e9b2c0eada64ddd6e5>