

OPC Membership Meeting

May 11, 2023

Via Google Meet

Attendees

Leadership:

Amber Bales (Education & Programming), Digitization Services Specialist, Miami University

Virginia Dressler (Chair-Elect) – Digital Projects Librarian, Kent State 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:

Matt Carissimi, Digitization Specialist, The Ohio State University Libraries

Janet Carleton, Digital Initiatives Coordinator, Ohio University Libraries

Sarah Casto, Photograph and Paper Conservator, The Ohio State University Libraries

Hydy Cates, Electronic Resources Librarian, Columbus State Community College

Stacy Chaney-Blankenship, Reference Librarian, Ohio Wesleyan University

Jill Clever, Manager Local History and Genealogy, Toledo Lucas County Public Library

Catarina Figueirinhas, Assistant Conservator, University of Cincinnati Libraries

Eric Harrelson, Preservation and Conservation Librarian, Miami University

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

Christine Jankowski, Archivist, Lloyd Library Museum

Amy McCrory, Digitization Program Manager, The Ohio State University Libraries

Troy McGough, Digitization Associate, The Ohio State University Libraries

Victoria Schmitz, Collections Care Manager, The Ohio State University Libraries

Penelope Shumaker, Librarian, State Library of Ohio

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

Presentation only:

Sandra Gekosky, Library Support Associate, Ohio University Libraries

Ashlyn Oprecu, Book and Paper Conservator, The Ohio State University Libraries

Meeting Minutes

Call to order 10:01AM

Agenda Review and Round Robin Introductions

Chair Report (Ginnie Dressler for Jim DaMico)

Revisions to bylaws based on the comments from the March meeting are complete and the new verbiage is ready for voting.

Going forward we will be moving to both virtual meetings and hybrid in-person meetings based on member survey results. The virtual meetings have had better attendance but people would like to meet in person as well.

Reminder that professional development grants are available – please apply!

LSTA is on a hiatus this year. During this break, there will be thought into a new class for participants and whether it should go back to being in person.

Ohio Dig update – Once bylaws changes are approved, we will move forward with the partnership.

Chair Elect Report (Ginnie Dressler)

Recent grant application has been approved for Hydy Cates to attend a Medieval Book workshop at the Morgan Conservatory in Cleveland.

We would like to work on an expansion of grants more toward students, public history and library science.

Approval of Minutes (Jamye Jamison)

Minutes for the March 2023 Membership meeting were distributed to members over email.

Jamye asked if there were any changes. None noted.

Miriam proposed to accept the May Meeting minutes as written. Andrew second. All in favor.

Finance Report (Miriam Nelson)

OPC is in a good financial position. The last statement balance was \$16144.35. Activity has come from member renewals, business expenses and payouts to grant recipients. We are in a great place to keep giving grants.

Membership Report (Ginnie Dressler for Kristen Muenz)

Good member survey data to inform future programming and hybrid meetings.

Outreach Report (Andrew Mancuso & Gena Reynolds)

Asking for members to email or message through Instagram any events or news that they would like to post. Andrew has map ready to put on the website for member institutions. Continued promotion of grants on social media.

Education Report (Amber Bales & Rachel Makarowski)

Matt and Caterina will be presenting the courses they attended with the grant funding received. The State Library has been contacted to initiate discussions about the future of LSTA. Penelope provided a more detailed LSTA update – After staffing changes at State Library, there was confusion about the grant being every year or every other year. They will take this year to review the grant overall and see if it is working, therefore it will not be available this year. It was suggested that a message go out to those institutions who normally apply to let them know it's not happening this year, since there are a number of institutions who have come to depend on the funds. Penelope noted the possibility that the Open Grant can be used for the same sort of conservation projects and the amount is the same. Deadlines for the Open Grant are quarterly rather than once per year.

Bylaws Changes (Ginnie Dressler)

Review of the proposed changes were made available via screen share and also were sent out to the membership prior to the meeting.

Ginnie asked for a motion to approve the proposed bylaws changes. Jamye moved to approve the changes as submitted. Miriam seconded. All in favor.

Round Robin of institutions until 10:50AM

25 min break

11:15AM Meeting resumed for presentations by two OPC mini grant recipients from the spring, Catarina Figuerinhas and Matt Carissimi.

Catarina attended an online course over 6 weeks from NEDCC on the preservation of photographic materials.

Matt attended the Digital Transitions 301 online course about workflow for creating more accurate color profiles when digitizing cultural heritage objects.

11:58AM Meeting adjourned.