

## Minutes of the Annual Members' Meeting Midwest Archives Conference April 5, 2019

*The following minutes are presented for informational purposes only. Membership will vote to approve this draft at the 2020 Members' Meeting.*

President David McCartney called the Annual Members' Meeting of the Midwest Archives Conference to order at 3:35 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2019, at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center in Detroit, Michigan.

A quorum was present.

Minutes of the March 23, 2018, Annual Members' Meeting were approved as presented.

### Presentation of 2019 Awards

On behalf of the Presidents' Award Committee, Ellen Swain presented the award to Arthur M. Horwitz, publisher/editor of the *Detroit Jewish News*.

On behalf of the Emeritus Membership Award Committee, Matt Gorzalski presented the award to Barbara Floyd.

On behalf of the Archie Motley Memorial Scholarship for Minority Students, Lara Friedman-Shedlov presented awards to Arika Kaneko and Emma De Vera.

On behalf of the Louisa Bowen Memorial Graduate Scholarship, Deborah Rice presented the award to Bianca Barcenas.

On behalf of the Emeritus Scholarship for First-Time MAC Meeting Attendees, Vicky Cooper presented awards to Aiden M. Bettine and Sabrina Gorse.

On behalf of the Annual Meeting Poster Session Awards, Kayla Harris presented awards to "A Historical Look at Protest Culture in Ann Arbor" by Meredith Counts, Alexandria Rayburn, Reine Patterson, Tony Sexton (University of Michigan); "Student Memory, Then and Now" by Rena Newman and Cat Phan (University of Wisconsin—Madison); and "In the Trenches of Transcription: Untold World War I Stories Revealed" by Lily Birkhimer and Jillian Ramage (Ohio History Connection).

### Other Acknowledgments and Recognitions

President McCartney thanked outgoing committee chairs Stacey Erdman and Becca Smith, and Council members Harrison Inefuku and Anke Voss; incoming Council members Daria Labinsky and Katie Blank; and incoming

committee chair Ida Mango. Thanks to everyone who ran for a MAC office this year, as well as to the 2019 Program Committee and Local Arrangement Committee.

### Annual Financial Report

Treasurer Colleen McFarland Rademaker provided a detailed report on MAC's financial status. She noted that MAC ended its 2018 fiscal year with a surplus of over \$7,000. McFarland Rademaker credits this to AMC's Debbie Nolan, then-treasurer Joel Thoreson, and the Chicago LAC with their response to the Doubletree hotel cancellation.

In the first quarter of 2019, MAC investment accounts have shown an average growth of 6.9 percent, making up for losses that occurred at the end of 2018. MAC's 2019 budget projects a deficit in the range of \$4,000 to \$5,000, and Council continues to seek ways to balance the budget.

### Membership Committee Report

Membership Committee Chair Matt Gorzalski reported two changes in state representatives: Rosalie Gartner (Iowa) and Stacy Lavender (Ohio). Gorzalski thanked outgoing individuals for their service. He reported that membership is at 686, down from last year by 4 percent. Institutional membership was the largest category of decline (21%), with individual membership only declining by 3 percent. It is worth noting that individual memberships previously included student memberships, which are now being tracked separately for the first time this year on account of the new \$20 student membership. Additionally, Gorzalski reported that Membership Committee state representatives have contacted 119 new members in the past year, down from 177 new member contacts made the previous year. He also reported that MAC Pals numbers are on par with the past couple of years, but that the number of mentees (55) exceeded mentors (26).

### State of MAC

President McCartney delivered his final report to the membership. He discussed his gratitude, relief, and melancholy at completing his term. McCartney's speech addressed the ongoing issues with maintaining the financial security of MAC and maintaining consistent membership levels. He discussed the less easily defined

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measure of success that MAC's scholarship opportunities afford. He was pleased to announce the renaming of the Emeritus Award for First-Time Meeting Attendees to the Mark A. Greene Award for First-Time Meeting Attendees and kicked off a campaign to endow the Greene Award at \$20,000+. An anonymous donor has already promised a \$5,000 donation. McCartney was also pleased to announce the formation of a new working group to address child care, elder and spouse care, and the other personal needs of membership led by Alexis Braun Marks.

### **Vice President's Report**

Vice President Joshua Ranger provided information regarding the 2019 Annual Meeting: "Innovation, Transformation, Resurgence." Outside of Chicago, the Detroit meeting attracted the most attendees (470). Ranger thanked those who provided tours, supplied transportation, and the keynote speaker. The Service Project held at the Detroit Public Library, which assisted with the preservation and digitization of community historical materials, was wildly successful. Ranger thanked everyone responsible for that event, as well as the members of the Program Committee, Local Arrangements, MAC Pals, AMC, the vendor coordinator, development coordinator,

public information officer, treasurer, and Education Committee cochairs. Ranger also thanked those responsible for the Business Archives preconference. Ranger reminded members to take the survey on the Annual Meeting. He then invited Cochair Alexis Braun Marks to talk about the 2019 Fall Symposium, and Cochairs Hope Bibens and Rosalie Gartner to talk about the 2020 Annual Meeting in Des Moines (May 6–9).

### **President-Elect Greetings**

Incoming president Erik Moore provided greetings to membership via a video.

### **Closing Announcements**

Raffle

Presentation of certificate to David McCartney.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Jennie Thomas  
Secretary