

## Midwest Archives Conference Fall Council Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 2:00–4:00 pm (Eastern Time Zone)

**Attendance:** Tamar Chute, Benn Joseph, Anne Thomason, Jerice Barrios, Jennifer Audsley-Moore, Sammie Morris, Laurinda Weisse, Jennifer Ho, Lynn Smith, Daria Labinsky

### President's Report (Chute)

#### *DEIA Statement*

Council discussed the DEIA statement. Morris recommended adding a statement about belonging and ensuring our statements about diversity are not leaving anyone out. Thomason recommended adding a statement about belonging to the fourth sentence of the statement.

Chute will edit the statement regarding belonging and share it with Thomason, and Thomason will upload to the shared Google Drive for final Council edits and approval.

During the discussion, we discovered not everyone received all the emails sent to the MAC leadership list. Thomason will confer with Greg Brooks to make sure the leadership list is accurate.

Josh Ranger is writing short blurbs about the various MAC positions available to members and what the work entails beyond the position description, so potential volunteers will know what they are volunteering for.

### Vice President's Report (Joseph)

Joseph recapped the report for the Madison meeting. One strong recommendation is that for hybrid Annual Meetings, we need more people on the PC to cover the additional responsibilities.

#### *MAC 2022 Fall Symposium (Indianapolis)*

At the time of the meeting, we had 18 registrants and registration was capped at 35.

The committee asked about having cakes or cupcakes to celebrate MAC's 50th anniversary. The consensus was that cupcakes should be ordered, and Council expressed delight over the thought of cupcakes.

#### *Chicago 2023*

Joseph mentioned that the reception would be more affordable at the hotel and that the cochairs would join us later to discuss.

#### *MAC 2023 Fall Symposium and 2024 Annual Meeting Update*

Fall Symposium 2023 will be held in Lexington, KY.

Danielle Spalenka was already selected as cochair, and she recommended that Rusty Heckerman be the fall 2023 cochair.

**Motion:** Approve Rusty Heckerman as Fall Symposium 2023 cochair.

- Council approves Rusty Heckerman as Fall Symposium 2023 cochair.

**Motion:** Approve the topic of disaster recovery for the Fall Symposium 2023.

Council discussed the proposed topic of disaster recovery.

- Council approved the topic of disaster recovery for the Fall Symposium 2023.

#### *Annual Meeting, Spring 2024: Des Moines, Iowa*

The cochairs for Des Moines in 2024 are getting started on selecting the Program Committee.

We will begin considering future meeting locations. Everything is scheduled through spring 2024.

### Treasurer's Report (Barrios)

- No requested actions

Barrios highlighted that we made \$1,500 at the Annual Meeting, making it a financial success. Barrios encouraged Council to be ambitious as our finances are looking good. Barrios walked us through the treasurer's report.

### Secretary's Report (Thomason)

- No requested actions

Thomason continues to work on the Google Drive and to ensure the leadership email lists are up to date.

### Nominating Committee Report Election Slate Report (Labinsky)

The committee is waiting to hear from two more potential candidates; the slate should be ready for a Council vote within two weeks.

### *Review and Discuss Bylaws Wording Regarding Filling Vacant Council Seats*

Our bylaws state:

#### III. TERMS OF OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS (EXCLUDING OFFICERS)

Council members shall be elected from the voting membership for staggered terms of three (3) years and shall take office immediately after the annual business meeting. The five (5) members of the council shall be ineligible to succeed themselves, except those appointed to fill unexpired terms.

Jennifer Audsley-Moore was appointed by Council to serve on Council after Donica Swann resigned in 2022. At the time, there were two years left on the term. Based on the constitution, Audsley-Moore's term was until the next election (2022). Thus, she was appointed for one year with an election to be held for the final year of the term in 2023. The bylaws were discussed in regard to whether someone who was appointed for one year and then won the election to finish out the term would be eligible to run again for a three-year term. Council discussed this thoroughly, and instead of voting now, Labinsky, Chute, and Thomason will look closely at the bylaws and decide if we need to make a change. If so, Council will vote over email, and the membership will need to be informed of this change 60 days in advance of the Members' Meeting and vote on the change then.

Council then decided to vote on a motion to run the Council election with the top two vote getters receiving the three-year term, and the person coming in third offered the one-year term. The candidates will all be informed ahead of time of this plan, and the information will be on the ballot. Anyone can decline a position after being elected. When that happens, the next highest vote getter will be offered the position.

**Motion:** *The top two vote getters in the Council election will receive a three-year term, and the third-place person will be offered the one-year term.*

- Council approved that the top two vote getters in the Council election will receive a three-year term, and the third-place person will be offered the one-year term.

### **Scholarship Awards—Bowen and Motley (Smith and Braun)**

Increasing the scholarship amounts and updating the Bowen guidelines were discussed.

Council discussed whether we need to change the language in the Bowen and Motley scholarship guidelines. Council decided as long as we do not change the amount to below the minimum stated in the guidelines, we do not need to vote on a language change, though we do need to vote on the amount.

**Motion:** *Increase both Bowen and Motley scholarships to \$1,500.*

- Council approved an increase to both the Bowen and Motley scholarships to \$1,500 each.

### **Annual Meeting in Chicago (Bullington, Hackbart-Dean, Gorzalski, Herzinger)**

#### *Increasing Plenary Honorarium from \$500 to \$750*

Council discussed raising the honorarium to \$750. In the course of the discussion, Council members recommended going up to \$1,000 considering the time and effort put into the plenary session. Council discussed the \$1,000 only being for 2023; many Council members suggested making \$1,000 the recommendation moving forward.

**Motion:** *Increase the plenary honorarium from \$500 to \$750.*

During discussion, Morris moved to amend the motion from \$750 to \$1,000, which passed.

- Council approved increasing the plenary honorarium to \$1,000.

#### *Budget and Reception Location*

Council discussed holding the reception at the hotel, which will save us money. We will need an addendum to the hotel contract. LAC will work on this, and the final vote will take place over email.

Council discussed the in-person rate compared to the virtual rate. Several Council members pointed out that the virtual rate should be lower than the in-person rate. Many people cannot afford to travel. Council discussed many options for the virtual rate, and Council will vote over email on the prices.

### **Fund-raising Campaign (Gutiérrez-Jones)**

#### *Greene Award Update*

We met our fund-raising goal. Chute will talk about the excellent fund-raising and will use her president's column to promote the scholarship. Chute received some excellent quotes from several donors and will use those in

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the promotion. In the column, Chute will also discuss the Motley and Bowen scholarship increases.

#### Education Committee (Leimkuehler and Schwier)

The Education Committee asked Council if we want to raise the workshop fee for Annual Meeting workshops.

Council discussed what served and benefited the membership best. We decided to keep the workshop fee at \$50 to make it as affordable as possible.

**Motion:** Keep Annual Meeting workshop fee at \$50.

- Council approved keeping the Annual Meeting workshop fee at \$50.

The Education Committee asked about the return of \$2,200 that was in the budget to support in-person Speakers Bureau events.

Council informed the Education Committee that \$2,200 was already in the budget for Speakers Bureau events as a regular item.

Meeting adjourned at 3:57 pm Eastern Standard Time.

## MAC 2023 Candidate Slate, Approved by MAC Council

*Submitted by Daria Labinsky,  
MAC Nominating Committee Chair*

#### President (2-year term)

- Joshua P. Ranger, *University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh*
- Jennie Thomas, *Rock & Roll Hall of Fame*

#### Secretary (2-year term)

- Ryan Leimkuehler, *Kansas State University*
- Anne Thomason, *Knox College*

#### Council (two 3-year terms, one 1-year term to fill vacancy)

- Cara S. Bertram, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*
- Scott Grimwood, *SSM Health & Franciscan Sisters of Mary*
- Jennifer Head, *Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
- Kyna Herzinger, *Presbyterian Historical Society*
- Marcella Huggard, *University of Kansas*
- William Modrow, *Miami University*

#### Nominating Committee (two 1-year terms)

- April K. Anderson-Zorn, *Illinois State University*
- Shiraz Bhatena, *University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee*
- Sarah Lebovitz, *Wayne State University*
- Megan Mummey, *University of Kentucky*