

# SOA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

OCLC– May 18, 2012

## Between Meeting Council Actions

1. Judy Wiener made a motion for Council to approve the 2012 Agreement with the Ohio Historical Society, which was seconded and carried.
2. Judy Wiener made a motion to give SOA Merit Awards to Bill Barrow, Special Collections Librarian at Cleveland State University, and Angela O’Neal, Director of Collections Services at the Ohio Historical Society. The motion was seconded and carried.
3. Judy Wiener made a motion to give the Student Conference Scholarship award to Christopher Bills and the new Professional Conference Scholarship to Jacqueline Ruiz. The motion was seconded and carried.

## Annual Meeting

1. **Welcome:** President, Christine Engels, called the annual business meeting of the Society to order at 12:45 P.M., and welcomed everyone.
2. **Election:** Jane Wildermuth, Chair of the Nominating Committee, introduced the candidates for election:  
  
For Treasurer, Emily Gainer  
For Council, Stephen Charter, Connie Conner, Jacky Johnson and Lisa Rickey.  
  
The candidate statements were included in the Conference packets for attendees to read.
3. **Secretary’s Report:** Secretary, Gillian Hill, said that the minutes of each meeting of Council are posted to the SOA wiki, once approved, and the most recently approved minutes were those of the November 9, 2011 meeting, which were also included in the conference packet.
4. **Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer and Membership Chair, Emily Gainer, reported a current balance of \$14,532.56. The most recent report was included in the conference packet. *The full Treasurer’s report is attached to these minutes as an appendix.*

## 5. Committees

**Membership:** Chair, Emily Gainer, reported a current membership of 149.

**Nominating:** Council Liaison, Gillian Hill, thanked Jane Wildermuth, Chair of the Nominating Committee, for all her hard work in putting together the slate of officers for 2012.

**Awards:** First, President, Christine Engels, said that it had been a great experience for her to be a part of the annual Ohio History Day finals. She announced the winners of the SOA awards—Kirsten Burnette and Jayla Wolford, from South Gallia Junior High School, and Anna Katz and Emily Maury, from Shaker Heights High School. She also thanked Janet Carleton, Laurie Gemmill, Charlie Arp and George Bain for assisting with the judging.

Awards Committee Chair, Judy Wiener, thanked her committee—Gino Pasi and Amy Dawson—for all their work this year, and asked others to get involved by nominating deserving people and encouraging students to apply for the conference awards.

**Public Information:** Chair, Rachel Bilokonsky, thanked all those who had helped with updating the wiki. SOA has a Facebook presence, and this year a SOA LinkedIn group has also been created.

**Newsletter:** Editor, Janet Carleton, said that her first issue of the *Ohio Archivist* had been distributed on April 2. She thanked the previous editors, and also thanked Lisa Rickey for the News and Notes column, and Dan Noonan for the Digital Guidance column. She also thanked Tutti Jackson of OHS for all her assistance. She encouraged people to send feature articles to George Bain for inclusion in upcoming newsletters.

**Archives Month:** Chair, George Bain, thanked his committee, Jillian Carney, Noel Rihm, Jeremy Feador, Kevin Grace, Angela O'Neal, and Lonna McKinley. He said that this year there was a sub-committee working on the design of the poster. The theme is, The Peoples of Ohio. There have been several submissions so far and the deadline is the end of June.

George then introduced a new idea to get more people involved in Archives Month this year—An Evening of Readings—based on interesting documents in our region's archival institutions. This would be a way of connecting archivists with friends and neighbors in their community. Groups in related areas of interest could work together to make this program a success. George asked people to contact him for more information, if they were interested in this idea.

**Spring Program:** Christine introduced Jacky Johnson, who had organized this year's spring program. Jacky thanked the members of the committee, Jillian Carney, Leni Anderson, Suzanne Maggard, Amber Bice, Eleanor Blackman, Liz Plummer and Nathan Tallman. Jacky also thanked the Fall Workshop committee and participants.

## 6. **New Business**

**Fall Program:** Angela O'Neal announced that this year we would be partnering with the Ohio Local History Alliance. The event will be held at the Holiday Inn in Worthington (near Columbus), October 5 and 6. SOA has been asked to fill an archives track of sessions. Angela will head the SOA Fall Program Committee, and Lisa Rickey, Ron Davidson, Jill Tatem, and Stephanie Bricking have agreed to serve on the committee. Angela requested that SOA members send in session proposals, saying that this joint effort is a great opportunity for us to reach beyond our own archival borders.

**Educational Initiatives with MAC and SAA:** Christine explained that a couple of initiatives to work with MAC and SAA had come up recently and that Lonna McKinley and Rachel Bilokonsky are representing SOA. Lonna said that she had attended the MAC conference and they are interested in setting up a speakers' bureau. SOA will help with this. Rachel will be attending a summit of regional and state archival organizations at the SAA conference in San Diego in August on behalf of SOA and will report back to Council. A couple of issues of concern are how to help unemployed and under employed archivists, and ways to partner with other organizations in our region. She'll send the agenda to the list serve. Christine agree, and said that we should use the list serve more often to share ideas.

## 7. **Awards**

Chair of the Awards Committee, Judy Wiener announced this year's awards.

**New Professional Scholarship and Student Scholarship:** Judy introduced and congratulated Jacqueline Ruiz, the recipient of the New Professional Scholarship, and Christopher Bills, the recipient of the Student Scholarship.

**Merit Awards presentation:** William Barrow, of Cleveland University, received an award for his work with Cleveland Memory, and Angela O'Neal received an award for her work for SOA, including her term as President of the Society, and for all her work at OHS to promote archives.

8. **Election Results:** Chair of the Nominating Committee, Jane Wildermuth announced the results of the election. The new Council officers are:

Treasurer, Emily Gainer  
Council, Jacky Johnson and Lisa Rickey

The winners were congratulated and all the candidates were thanked for their participation. Jane commented that it was an extremely close election. Christine thanked the outgoing Council members Lonna McKinley and Jillian Carney for their service to SOA.

9. **Silent Auction Results:** Jillian Carney announced the winners of the Silent Auction, congratulated them, and thanked all who had contributed items for the auction. She reported that \$412.00 had been received for future student scholarships.

As there was no further business, the Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gillian Hill, Secretary