

# SOA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

May 3, 2007

## The Columbus Renaissance Hotel MAC/SOA Spring Conference

### Between Meeting Council Actions

1. Vic Fleischer made a motion to provide a scholarship of \$150 to a new archives professional to apply towards the conference expenses. The motion was seconded and carried.
2. Vic Fleischer made a motion to nominate Representative Oelslager, Barbara Floyd, and Bob Schmidt for SOA merit awards. The motion was seconded and carried.
3. Angela O'Neal made a motion to purchase a thank you gift for Jane Wildermuth who will be ending her term as President. The motion was seconded and carried.
4. Gillian Hill made a motion to nominate Katy Klettlinger as the recipient of the scholarship for a new archives professional. The motion was seconded and carried.
5. Jane Wildermuth made a motion to purchase plaques for the three Merit Award recipients. The motion was seconded and carried.
6. Angela O'Neal made a motion to purchase gifts for SOA Council members for their services to the organization. The motion was seconded and carried.

### Annual Meeting

1. **Welcome and Introduction of Candidates:** President, Jane Wildermuth, opened the annual business meeting of the Society at 5:00 P.M. by welcoming everyone. She reminded them that next year we would be celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Society. She then introduced the candidates for election.

For President: Angela O'Neal, Ohio Historical Society

For Vice-President: Vic Fleischer, Youngstown State University

For Secretary: Gillian Hill, Greene County Archives

For Council (2 seats): Ron Davidson, Sandusky Library; Lynda Kachurek, Wright State University; Katy Klettlinger, Peninsula Library and Historical Society; and Tom Neel, Ohio Genealogical Society.

The ballots were passed out and collected.

2. **Secretary's Report:** Secretary, Gillian Hill, told the membership that minutes are posted to the SOA website in draft form shortly after each meeting of Council, and in final form once approved. They are accessible to all. She said that Council continues to conduct some business by e-mail, and that any motions made and carried by e-mail correspondence are shown on the next official minutes as "Between Meeting Council Actions". She said that there would be a motion later for membership to vote on an amendment to the Society bylaws to reflect this new way of doing business. She also told people that the most recent minutes (of the February 9 Council meeting) had been included in their packet of information.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Jane Wildermuth presented the Treasurer's Report, in Treasurer, Steve Paschen's, absence. She said that Steve, who is the Kent State University Archivist, had sent his apologies for not being present, but commemorative activities at the university for the anniversary of the shooting of the Kent State students took precedence. The balance of the Society's account currently stands at \$9,508.52. *The report is attached to these minutes as an appendix.*
4. **Committee Reports:**
  - **Education Committee:** Erik Mayer announced in the absence of Committee Chair, Charlie Arp, that Charlie's report was in the packet of information received by all. *The report is attached to these minutes as an appendix.*
  - **Nominating Committee:** Committee Chair, Erik Mayer, said that Toni Jeske and Laurie Gemmill had also served on the Nominating Committee. He said that the statements of the candidates, in response to written questions, were published in the packet of information given to all attendees, and had also been published in the *Ohio Archivist*.
  - **Archives Week Committee:** Committee Liaison to Council, Gillian Hill, presented Chair, Lonna McKinley's report. She said that Lonna had stepped down as Chair, but Louise Jones, of the Ohio Historical Society, has volunteered to take over the position for this year. The 2007 theme is **Reunions: Together at the Archives**. It will celebrate both collections and activities that bring people together to remember the past. Lonna's 2006 report is in the packet of information. *The report has also been attached to these minutes as an appendix.*
  - **Awards Committee:** Vice-President, Angela O'Neal, announced the three winners of this year's Merit Awards: Barbara Floyd, for her collaborative groundbreaking work in developing a new field of scholarship—disability history; State Representative W. Scott Oelslager, for his commitment to public records, his passion for history, and his work to secure the passage of House Bill 9, which clarifies procedures for public records requests and requires training for local elected officials; and Robert Schmidt, for his work as Coordinator of the Archives and Archivists List from 1998-2006. Unfortunately, neither Rep. Oelslager nor Bob Schmidt could be present to receive

their awards. Barbara Floyd would receive her award at the official Conference Reception to be held on May 4 at the Ohio Historical Society.

- **Membership Committee:** President, Jane Wildermuth, read Committee Chair, Steve Paschen's, report. 152 members renewed this year, there were 43 new regular members, and 20 student members.
- **Website Committee:** Committee Chair, Vic Fleischer, said that the committee continued to update the website and keep it current. A new resource has been added—the Ohio Archives and Archivists Blog, which can be found at <http://ohioarchives.blogspot.com/>. The committee has also researched share filing and has established a Google Group account, which can be found at <http://groups.google.com/group/soacouncil>. The group allows Council to communicate and share files more effectively. Vic thanked Phil Sager at OHS for his great job in keeping the site updated, and other committee members, George Bain and Janet Carleton for their help.
- **Program Committee:** Angela O'Neal, Committee Chair, introduced Judy Cobb and Judy Wiener, who were the co-chairs of the Local Arrangements Committee for this combined MAC/SOA conference. She thanked them for all their hard work in making the conference a success. There were 300 registrants and SOA has received \$2,500 in income. Angela presented small gifts of appreciation to the two Judys and also to all the other members of the committee.
- **Ohio Archivist:** Editor, Beth Kattelman, announced that there is a brief special edition of the newsletter currently available on the website, giving candidate statements for today's election. The next regular edition will be coming out this summer with a full recap of the conference.
- **Bylaws Committee:** Co-Chair (with Jane Wildermuth), Gillian Hill, presented the amendment to the bylaws to incorporate a clause stating that business can be conducted between meetings of Council by electronic correspondence, as approved by Council at the meeting of February 9, 2007. She made a motion for the amendment to be approved by the entire membership in attendance, which was seconded and carried.

## 5. New Business

- **Scholarship Winner:** Jane Wildermuth announced that the winner of the scholarship for a new archives professional is Katy Klettlinger of the Peninsula Library and Historical Society. Katy will be formally presented with her award at the Official Conference Reception to be held on May 4 at the Ohio Historical Society.
- **Gifts for Outgoing Council Members:** Jane presented gifts of appreciation to the outgoing members of Council and thanked them for their work for the Society. Angela O'Neal also presented Jane with a gift of appreciation for her work as President.
- **Election Results:** Nominating Committee chair, Erik Mayer, announced the results of the election, and congratulated the new officers Angela O'Neal, President; Vic Fleischer, Vice-President; and Gillian Hill, Secretary; and the two new Council

members Ron Davidson and Katy Klettlinger. Erik also thanked Tom Neel and Linda Kachurek for their willingness to run for election.

- **History Day:** Angela O'Neal said that she would be presenting the prizes at History Day, which is to be held on Saturday, May 5. There are two awards for the best use of primary sources. She thanked George Bain and Laurie Gemmill for offering to serve as judges.
- **NHPRC:** Angela O'Neal said that the funding for NHPRC has been zeroed out for 2008, and urged members to contact their Congressional representatives to support restored funding. She referred them to the packet of information that had been handed out, which contained the full text of the announcement that had been distributed by the agency.

## 6. Other Business

- George Bain made a motion that Archives Week in Ohio be changed to Archives Month, in order to have the whole month of October available for institutions to plan commemorative events. The motion was seconded and carried.
- Roland Baumann suggested that the SOA Fall Meeting be held during Archives Month.
- George Bain said that starting this September there was to be a new Ken Burns documentary on the Second World War called The War.
- Angela O' Neal said that in the packet of information that everyone received there is a list of the various SOA committees. She urged those interested in serving SOA to sign up for one.
- Angela then said that the business meeting was concluded and told everyone to enjoy the MAC & SOA Mixer that was scheduled to start at 7:30 P.M.

Roland Baumann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 P.M. The motion was seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Gillian Hill.