

## **OPC Membership Meeting**

**May 12, 2022**

**Via Google Meet**

### **Attendees**

Leadership:

Jim DaMico (Chair) – Archivist, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital

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:

Janet Carleton – Digital Initiatives Coordinator, Ohio University Libraries

Hydy Cates – Electronic Resources Librarian, Columbus State Community College

Stacy Chaney-Blankenship – Special Collections, Ohio Wesleyan University

Betsy Kruthoffer – Cataloger/Rare Book Librarian, Lloyd Library, Cincinnati

Penelope Shumaker – Librarian, State Library of Ohio

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order 10:07AM**

Introductions

#### **Chair Report (Jim DaMico)**

OPC has funded the OH Society of Archivists new professional scholarship for 5 years for a total of \$500. We have asked that each recipient write something about their experience and possibly present at a quarterly meeting.

Leadership has decided to transition to Google Meet program for meetings and storage needs going into the future. This will help with sustainability of platforms and hopefully allow us to transition between leadership groups more easily.

#### **Chair Elect Report (Ginny Dressler)**

Information has been sent to several different schools and organizations to promote the available OPC grants.

Nathan Tallman teaches a Basics of Digital Preservation course that Ginny is interested in potentially bringing in through OH Dig.

#### **Approval of Minutes (Jamye Jamison)**

Minutes for the March Membership meeting were distributed to members over email. Jamye asked if there were any changes. None noted.

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

**Finance Report (Miriam Nelson)**

Not much activity over the past couple months. Larger expenditure was the OH SOA \$500 sponsorship. Current balance is \$15252.82

**Membership Report (Kristen Muenz)**

No report

**Marketing & Outreach Report (Andrew Mancuso & Gena Reynolds)**

Continuing to call for submissions to add to OPC social media accounts but they are not getting to far with that. They have been focusing on reposting from various sources including members institutions. They have been working with Kim and Rachel to promote OPC educational events and grants. They will continue to develop methodologies to repost from member institutions. If OPC is not following your organization, please let them know. Rachel asked about whether tagging OPC in posts would be a good method for getting posts noticed - yes, please tag OPC! LSTA projects may provide some good opportunities for posting. Andrew suggested maybe sending out a physical postcard.

**Education & Programming Report (Rachel Makarowski)**

LSTA registration is full for the 2022-23 cycle. They have reached out to a potential speaker for the kick off class. Cindy Boyden has left State Lib so Penelope is taking over as the contact for LSTA. Thinking about programming for September quarterly meeting – would like a DEAI focus so please share any thoughts.

**Potential partnership between OPC and OH Dig (Miriam Nelson and Janet Carleton)**

There has been discussion of a potential partnership between OPC and OH Dig and some preliminary investigations have begun to see how the two organizations can begin working together. After a positive response from leadership, the next step is to present to the membership for questions and comments.

*General Overview:*

- There is an overlap in interest/membership between OPC and OH Dig.
- OPC is a 501 (c)3 entity and OhioNet serves as our fiscal agent. OPC has both financial and logistical resources that have helped us maintain our organization for many years.
- OH Dig is completely volunteer run and all supporting mechanisms are provided by those volunteers. There are no dues. They do not have the ability to apply for grants and do not have a fiscal agent to help them with finances. OH Dig started in 2005. They consistently have 25-70 people join for 6 meetings per year. There is a core group of very engaged people, but there are also others who drop in for one meeting due to the topic. This type of group doesn't exist in other states and it is a very appreciated resource that recently received an award from SOA.

*Why/How to Merge?*

- OPC would like to tap into OH Dig's membership base in smaller institutions.
- OH Dig would like to have some supportive structure.
- First step would be a document that states we will proceed with an investigation into whether a merger would be feasible/desirable.

-OH Dig is a more free spirited organization and some are concerned about maintaining a measure of autonomy. Investigation into partnership will take that into account and see how the two orgs can maintain their individual identities.

*Discussion:*

Both orgs complement each other and there hopefully would be a good fit for each other. Good to branch out into preservation from digital realm.

What does OH Dig do? The focus is preservation and access for digital materials. There is a lot of programming regarding topics that address digitization projects. Meetings tend to have themed discussion and then a round robin for members. Good place to learn about grants and ask questions.

**Andrew moved to go forward with an investigation and Rachel seconded. All were in favor.**

Hope there will be a way for OH Dig to remain autonomous.

OPC offered some logistical support to OH Dig in the past for Best Practices Exchange. This was a national organization that wanted to have a conference here in conjunction with OH Dig. They needed a fiscal agent and OPC stepped up to help with Wild Apricot for registration and OHNet processed payments. This is a good example for how the two have worked together in the past and could work together in the future in a sustainable way.

Is there an umbrella structure where both orgs are separate but can access resources needed by both? There might be several different possible paths. Further investigation would hopefully answer questions about how far can/should we go in a merger without losing the core things that are important to each organization.

**Discussion about OPC mini-grants:**

What do people think about other options for promoting the OPC mini-grant? Are people seeing it? Is there enough promotion? Are smaller institutions seeing it?

First impression is that it is a small amount but still requires some work – perhaps people are not applying because they don't have time. Maybe it needs some rebranding? Doesn't require much work. Super easy grant!

How did new people heard about this meeting? List serves, OPC mailing list.

**Business portion adjourned at 10:56AM**

Meeting resumed at 11:15AM with a round robin discussion/show and tell about people's favorite tools.

**Meeting Adjourned at 12:00PM**