

OPC Membership Meeting
September 8, 2022
Via Google Meet

Attendees

Leadership:

Virginia Dressler (Chair-Elect) – Digital Projects Librarian, Kent State University
Jamyne 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
Gena Reynolds (Marketing & Outreach) – Special Collections and Preservation Assistant, Oberlin College

Kristen Muenz (Membership) – Archivist, The Wexner Center for the Arts (presentation only)
Miriam Nelson (Treasurer) – Director of the Mahn Center for Archives and Special Collections, Preservation & Digital Initiatives, Ohio University (presentation only)

Membership:

Hydy Cates, Electronic Resources Librarian, Columbus State Community College
Miriam Centeno, Preservation & Digitization Strategist at Ohio State University Libraries
Jill Clever, Toledo Lucas County Public Library
Marcela Estevez, Head of Conservation, Ohio State University
Kasandra Fager, Bowling Green State University
Dyani Feige, Director of Preservation Services, Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts, Philadelphia
Kate Medicus, Special Collections Cataloger, Kent State University
Nick Pavlik, Manuscripts and Digital Initiatives Archivist, Center for Archival Collections, Bowling Green State University
Sarah Scaturro, Eric and Jane Nord Chief Conservator, Cleveland Museum of Art
Ashleigh Schieszer, Co-Lab Manager and Conservator, Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library
Marisha Sullivan, Head Librarian, Holden Forrest and Botanical Garden
Ed Vermue, Special Collections and Preservation Librarian, Oberlin College Libraries
Elizabeth Williams-Clymer, Special Collections Librarian, Kenyon College
Holly Witchey, Director of Education & Outreach, ICA-Art Conservation

Ashlyn Oprescu, Book and Paper Conservator, Ohio State University (presentation only)
Julie Reilly, Executive Director, ICA Art Conservation (presentation only)

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 10:02AM

Introductions

Kasanda Fager is the first recipient of the Society of Ohio Archivists/Ohio Preservation Council scholarship for Students/New Professionals. She gave a presentation of her experience at the conference and what she learned.

Chair and Chair Elect Report (Ginnie Dressler)

As was presented, the SOA/OPC grant went to Kasandra Fager from Bowling Green. There are 4 more years on the partnership. We will be updating the Google workspace account so there will be just one user license and the leadership group will share. Miriam, Jim, Janet Carleton and Ginnie are continuing discussions about the possible partnership between OH Dig and OPC. The professional development grants have been raised to \$500 – we still have a lack of applicants so still need to think about how to promote these.

Approval of Minutes (Jamye Jamison)

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

Andrew proposed to accept the May Meeting minutes as written. Rachel second. All in favor.

Finance Report (Miriam Nelson)

Miriam posted a link to the google doc about the OPC finances in the chat later in the meeting.

Membership Report (Kristen Muenz)

Kristen will be sending survey to membership to gain insight into how we can best serve members. She will also inquire as to whether/how we should start meeting in person again.

Marketing & Outreach Report (Andrew Mancuso & Gena Reynolds)

They are still soliciting information/posts for promotion via social media. Would like feedback as to how people interact with OPC on social media.

Education & Programming Report (Rachel Makarowski)

Coming up for the next quarterly meeting – Andrew and Naomi will be presenting. There are no LSTA grant updates as the cycle for 2022 is complete. The grant recipients will be announced in November.

Round Robin for attendees to share different news/updates from their respective institutions.

ICA has a subsidized survey for institutions, less than 30 objects, also hosting a NEOAFR program. CCAHA received an IMLS grant and will be doing a print ID program in partnership with ICA.

OSU will have a few positions opening up – There is a photo/paper conservator position and digitization technicians.

Oberlin recently acquired an Albion press that they have restored and been using to print with classes and visiting groups. It fits their mission of preservation through practice with special collections focus.

Kent recently had a water incident related to a leak in their HVAC unit. Their architects helped them figure out how to deal with a delay in the repair to the unit and the staff pulled together and mobilized to address the problem. Someone noticed the leak early on and a major disaster was prevented by shifting collections.

Cleveland Museum of Art has as been revamping their HVAC system to step away from very strict standards and more toward greener protocols.

Cincinnati Public Library is undergoing a huge renovation of the downtown branch, which will be closed for a couple years. They will be posting a conservation assistant position for the public library and there will be a possibility for working on site at the Public Library building.

30 Minute Break (10:45 - 11:15)

11:15 - 12:00 pm

Dyani Feige, Director of Preservation Services for the Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts spoke about the [Regional Heritage Stewardship Program](#), an NEH funded initiative that aims to "build a strong cultural heritage community in identified regions and establish a long-term network for on-the-ground regional support."