

OPC Membership Meeting

March 9, 2023

Via Google Meet

Attendees

Leadership:

Amber Bales (Education & Programming), Digitization Services Specialist, Miami University
Jim DaMico (Chair) – Archivist, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital
Jamy 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
Kristen Muenz (Membership) – Archivist, The Wexner Center for the Arts
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:

Elizabeth Bardossy, Preservation Specialist, Cleveland Public Library
Matt Carissimi, Digitization Specialist, The Ohio State University Libraries
Janet Carleton, Digital Initiatives Coordinator, Ohio University Libraries
Chatham Ewing, Digital Library Strategist, Cleveland Public Library
Eric Harrelson, Preservation and Conservation Librarian, Miami University
Laura Moeller, Conservator/Owner, Strange Stock Art Conservation
Nick Pavlik, Manuscripts and Digital Initiatives Archivist, Center for Archival Collections, Bowling Green State University
Renee Pride, Preservation Specialist, Cleveland Public Library
Sarah Scaturro, Eric and Jane Nord Chief Conservator, Cleveland Museum of Art
Victoria Schmitz, Collections Care Manager, The Ohio State University Libraries
Penelope Shumaker, Librarian, State Library of Ohio
Marisha Sullivan, Head Librarian, Holden Forrest and Botanical Garden
Elizabeth Williams-Clymer, Special Collections Librarian, Kenyon College

Presentation only:

Sarah Casto, Photograph and Paper Conservator, The Ohio State University Libraries
Cleveland Marshall Law Library
Hydy Cates, Electronic Resources Librarian, Columbus State Community College
Marcela Estevez, Head of Conservation, The Ohio State University Libraries
Heather Galloway, Conservator/Owner, Galloway Art Conservation
Sandra Gekosky, Library Support Associate, Ohio University Libraries
Kate Medicus, Special Collections Cataloger, Kent State University
Ashlyn Oprescu, Book and Paper Conservator, The Ohio State University Libraries
Ashleigh Schieszer, Co-Lab Manager and Conservator, Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library
Marissa Tiroly
Brenda Vasquez, Conservation Assistant, The Ohio State University Libraries

Meeting Minutes

Call to order 10:01AM

Agenda Review and Round Robin Introductions

Chair Report (Jim DaMico)

OPC is continuing to build relationships with outside organizations such as OMA, OH Electronic Records, OH Historical Records advisory board, Society of OH Archivists. The OPC scholarship is in its second of 5 years. We are always looking for better opportunities to engage with the preservation community in OH. There are three proposed bylaws changes to reflect our new focus on outreach.

Chair Elect Report (Ginnie Dressler)

There were two mini grant recipients. One went to ICC profiles workshop and the other to a photo preservation workshop. They will present their experiences at an upcoming meeting.

Approval of Minutes (Jamye Jamison)

Minutes for the November 2022 Membership meeting were distributed to members over email. Jamye asked if there were any changes. None noted.

Miriam proposed to accept the November Meeting minutes as written. Rachel second. All in favor.

Jamye will be looking to get the OPC minutes from past few years to State Library by the end of this year.

Finance Report (Miriam Nelson)

OPC is in a good financial position. The last statement balance was \$16297.98. Most of the activity has been membership renewals and costs associated with maintaining different platforms. Wild Apricot continues to raise their prices so we would like to explore other platforms. There were fewer options when we chose it so we may have more possibilities now and may be able to find something that better fits our size group.

Membership Report (Kristin Muenz)

Hydy Cates is the winner of the online gift card for filling out the member survey. Survey results showed a wide variation in other orgs people were involved with 33 different orgs represented. People noted that they would like some means of continuing to access meetings virtually, even if the meetings resume in person.

Outreach Report (Andrew Mancuso & Gena Reynolds)

OPC has been updating print materials for OMA. Always looking into new methods of outreach. Would like to reach out to OPC grant recipients and let them know they should share their experiences with all the membership beyond the meeting attendees. They have been discussing different strategies but still not getting as much as they would like in terms of sharable information. They made a map of OPC member institutions around the state and will be adding it to the website in some capacity. It is interesting to see where people are in OH.

Education Report (Amber Bales & Rachel Makarowski)

No Report

Bylaws Changes (Jim DaMico)

#1: Proposing to add a Community Liaison Officer to the Leadership Group. This person could be from an outside org that does not have 501c3 status to be part of OPC. The point was raised about the possibility of there being co-chairs for this position and it was decided that a line could be added to allow for co-chairs in any officer position. That is already happening so this change would formalize it.

#2: Setting out the duties of the Community Liaison and with whom they would work. It was noted that this person would need to coordinate with Education and Programming but that was not listed in the current proposal.

#3: Changing the bylaws to allow for the quarterly member meeting to be held on any Thursday, not specifically the third Thursday.

It was decided that #1 and #2 were not ready for voting. The Leadership group will revise them further and come back to the membership at the next meeting.

Jim asked for a motion to approve #3 by changing “third” to “a” Thursday for quarterly membership meetings in the bylaws. Jame moved to make the change. Andrew seconded. All in favor.

Round Robin of institutions until 11:00AM

15 min break

11:15AM Meeting resumed for panel discussion of conservation ethics with Heather Galloway, Laura Moeller, and Sarah Scaturro

11:58AM Meeting adjourned.