

OPC Membership Meeting

Virtual via Web-Ex

3/18/2021

Leadership:

Jim DaMico (Chair-Elect) - Curator of AV Collections, Cincinnati Museum Center

Kim Hoffman (Education & Programming) – Preservation Librarian, Miami University

Jamye Jamison (Secretary) – Paper Conservator/Owner, Jamison Art Conservation

Andrew Mancuso (Marketing and Outreach) – Preservation Officer at the Kelvin Smith Library at Case Western Reserve University

Miriam Nelson (Treasurer) – Head of Preservation, Alden Library, Ohio University

Holly Prochaska (Education & Programming) – Preservation Librarian, The Preservation Lab, University of Cincinnati

Ashleigh Schieszer (Chair) – Conservator, The Preservation Lab, University of Cincinnati

Attendees:

Elizabeth Bardossy, Senior Preservation Technician, Cleveland Public Library

Miriam Centeno, Preservation and Digitization, The Ohio State University

Marcela Esteves, Head of Conservation, The Ohio State University

Chatham Ewing, Digital Library Strategist, Cleveland Public Library

Chris Mannix, Instruction Librarian, Columbus College of Art & Design

Kathleen Medicus, Special Collections Cataloger, Kent State University

Renee Pride, Senior Preservation Technician, Cleveland Public Library

Ed Vermue, Special Collections and Preservation Librarian, Oberlin College Library

Elizabeth Williams-Clymer, Special Collections Librarian, Kenyon College

Call to order (Ashleigh Ferguson Schieszer, OPC Chair) 10AM

Introductions and agenda review

Chair Report (Ashleigh Ferguson Schieszer)

Virtual LSTA Conservation Care Class 2021

The State Library has received their budget for the LSTA grants and is excited to move the class online.

The details are being worked out for the class. There will be fewer grants this year (20) and the schedule will be similar as past years. The call out will go out in April and May, applications will be due by Sept

for the work to be done by Sept 2022. The website is live and the class is set up similarly to how the live class was organized. Each block has a PowerPoint presentation with audio. We still need to figure out

how to ensure people have actually participated in the classes. At the moment, we are leaning toward

questions that ask about points from each presentation as part of the evaluation. Chatham inquired if there might be a hybrid option for the future beyond the pandemic. Ashleigh said it was possible and there

could be an option for “office hours” either live or online with the presenters to answer questions.

Generally, people thought website looked great. Ashleigh added something slightly more interactive for the enclosures portion since that was the most difficult part of the course to translate to an online format.

Holly was grateful for that. Chatham thought perhaps there could be some sort of live Q&A. Elizabeth WC appreciated the in-person course and was not sure it would be so engaging online. Jamye noted that having an online option meant it wouldn't be as big an issue if an institution was unable to send someone in person potentially opening it up to those who might not be able to apply otherwise.

Chair Elect Report (Jim Damico, Chair-Elect)

2021 Mini Professional Grant is now live. The announcement has been blasted out through all kinds of social media and list serves. Jim would like some feedback on whether people have seen the postings. There have been no applications as of yet. Ashleigh mentioned that the grant can also be used for becoming a member of an organization. Thanks to Jim for jumping in and making this happen so quickly into his new position.

Approval of minutes (Jamye Jamison, Secretary)

Going forward for the online meetings, Jamye will not be including the chat in the official minutes. However, they will be saved as a separate document for the record. **Ashleigh moved to accept the Nov 2020 minutes. Holly seconded. All accepted.**

Review of finances (Miriam Nelson, Treasurer)

The current balance in the OPC account is \$14544.42. There haven't been any extraordinary expenses as in-person meetings and grants have not been active in 2020.

Membership updates (Ashleigh Ferguson Schieszer)

Chloe Singer has taken a new job with OCLC and cannot continue on the leadership committee. We now have a vacancy in leadership for the membership position if anyone is interested. There are a few lapsed memberships, but overall it similar to past years. There has been discussion about combining membership with finance in some way so Miriam will be assisting with this for the time being as a trial run.

Marketing and Outreach update (Andrew Mancuso, Marketing and Outreach Chair)

Andrew would like to create a marketing schedule. Our inaugural post on Instagram was about the mini grant and the account is linked with the Facebook page. If any past recipients can send along any testimonials with images, Andrew would like to use them for promotion of the mini grant. Ideally, we would like to have something to post weekly. Andrew will also mine the LSTA site for future posts but anything member institutions have for posting, please pass along to Andrew. Holly asked how many people actually have stuff to post for mini grants and Ashleigh said probably not too many. However, there is a folder with information on the larger grants that could be used initially. Kim noted that there is

someone at Miami who would like to create a post about their flag books and OPC could cross post. Ashleigh challenged everyone to pick a month to document something they're working on and pass it along to Andrew - the idea of weekly posts is great, but there will need to be content. Andrew put his email in the chat for people to send him content – axm1195@case.edu. Andrew will replace Chloe's information with Ashleigh's info on the OPC website for the moment.

Education and Programming report (Holly Prochaska and Kim Hoffman, Education and Programs)

OPC has had a few different kinds of programming over the years, from larger symposiums to smaller hands-on classes. Kim and Holly would like to survey the membership to see how people have liked the different types of programming and what they would like to see going forward. Jamey suggested that there should be something at the next meeting from the Diversity in Collections Care workshop that a number of OPC Leadership group members are attending in the next couple weeks.

Update on Onboarding checklists and bylaws discussion (Ashleigh Ferguson Schieszer)

Everyone in leadership is in the process of editing a sheet for their position and detailing how their position functions. We will be comparing how this matches up to the bylaws as they currently stand. Ashleigh shared the BIPOC resources page that Jamey has put together. Chatham asked if membership would be an appropriate leadership position in which to include the responsibility for diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts for OPC going forward. Ashleigh said that would certainly be something to consider during this larger discussion.

Meeting attendees participated in a round robin for everyone to let people know how their different institutions are doing.

15 Minute Break (11:00 - 11:15)

Artist Book Workshop: The Flag Book (11:15 - 12pm)

After the March Business Meeting, OPC colleagues will come together for a book arts activity led by Holly Prochaska and Kim Hoffman. As a group we'll be making a flag book. Instruction will include a hand-out, filmed instruction demo, and live instruction demo --- a variety of instruction formats for a variety of learners!

Meeting Adjourned at 12pm