



# ORAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting  
June 5, 2023  
Zoom Teleconference Call  
10:30am – 12:04pm

**Present:** President Tomás Summers Sandoval, Vice President Kelly Navies, First Vice President Troy Reeves, Past President Amy Starecheski, Treasurer Mary Larson, Alissa Rae Funderburk, Shanna Farrell, Cynthia Tobar, Executive Director Stephen Sloan, & Program Associate Bethany Stewart

**Members Absent:** Zaheer Ali, Nishani Frazier, & Associate Director Steven Sielaff

**Others Present:** Debra Elfenbein

**Minutes Prepared by:** Bethany Stewart

Agenda	Discussion & Decisions	Action Required	Responsible Party
Welcome	10:33am		
Standing Business: Minutes Approval	<p><u>APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES:</u> <b><i>Moved, Seconded, &amp; Approved 10:35am.</i></b></p>	Post minutes on website	Bethany
Standing Business: Between the Gavel	<p><u>BETWEEN THE GAVEL (TOMÁS &amp; SLOAN)</u></p> <p><b>Emailed motion to revise non-member registration to \$275 for general (prev \$250) and \$85 for students (prev \$125), with these registration prices including a membership:</b> <b><i>Motion passed (with 1 abstention), May 18, 2023.</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the past month, Tomás &amp; Sloan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ attended the OHR editor interviews.</li> <li>○ reviewed 6 proposals for meet-ups and funded 4 (including the previous one): 2 in NY &amp; 2 in Kentucky. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Call for meet-ups still open.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ decided to host a convening of directors from oral history centers in late summer.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sloan worked on revisions to the Atlanta contract which have been submitted to hotel.</li> </ul> <p><u>HBCU ORAL HISTORIAN MEMBERSHIPS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider: free memberships for members from HBCUs; if passed, will ask diversity committee to identify oral historians at HBCUs to offer free one-year memberships.</li> </ul>	Consider and vote via email this week	<b>All</b>
<b>Standing Business:</b> Review of Financials	<p><u>FINANCIAL REVIEW (SLOAN)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sloan gives overview of YTD budget-to-actuals.</li> </ul>		
<b>New Business:</b> Selection of OHR editorial team	<p><u>OHR SEARCH (with DEBRA ELFENBEIN)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OHR Search Committee (represented by Debra) makes their recommendation for OHR Editor; proposes this candidate join the effort to fill out the editorial team with a managing editor and digital editor.</li> <li>Council discusses candidate’s experience &amp; leadership style, as well as their needs in terms of financial support and resources.</li> <li>Council discusses other short list candidates.</li> </ul> <p><u>REST OF TEAM DISCUSSION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee recommends a second candidate from the short list who they think could help with OHR’s digital presence.</li> <li>Could also reach out to publications committee to recommend someone for team.</li> <li>Once in the past, a previous editor remained on the new team initially, could be an option here.</li> </ul> <p><u>BROADER OHR DISCUSSION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where do members of the editorial team go when conflicts arise? To council. Current editorial team can help with any issues that arise during transition period; possibly could act in consultancy role after that.</li> <li>Need to let members of the editorial team know they have somewhere to go if issues arise.</li> </ul>		

	<p><b>Question of offering selected candidate role as Editor:</b> <i>Moved, seconded, approved at 11:12am.</i></p> <p><u>NEXT STEPS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get new editor involved in hiring process moving forward.</li> </ul>	Formally thank the hiring committee	Tomás & Exec. Office
<p><b>New Business:</b> Council/OHR Relations</p> <p>11:27am</p>	<p><u>COUNCIL/OHR RELATIONS (TROY &amp; TOMÁS)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of Troy and Tomás’s draft document outlining relationships among OHR, OHR Editors, &amp; Editorial board. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Section 1: Council &amp; OHR Editors</li> <li>○ Section 2: OHR Editorial Board</li> </ul> </li> <li>• This outlines our practice &amp; relationship moving forward, for trial period of 2 years; after that period, we can revise and vote to make it a standing resolution.</li> </ul> <p><b>General agreement to move forward with this document as a guide for 2 years.</b></p> <p><u>OTHER OHR ISSUES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sloan: contract with Routledge will end at the end of 2024, will need to notify them by end of 2023 if we want to continue. Need to decide this Fall.</li> <li>• Sidenote: no book reviews in last couple issues – is that something that council should bring up? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Will raise this issue with new editor.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<p><b>New Business:</b> Joint Conference with AFS</p>	<p><b>Question of Sloan moving forward with planning of joint conference with American Folklore Society, 2027:</b> <i>Moved, seconded, approved, 11:32am.</i></p>		
<p><b>New Business:</b> Committee on Committees communication</p>	<p><u>COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION (POSSIBLE MOTIONS)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Look at document and add comments (or send comments to Tomás) by end of day Wednesday, 6/7/23.</b></li> </ul>	----->	<b>All</b>
<p><b>New Business:</b> Discussion</p>	<p><u>PROPOSAL FOR WEBSITE REDESIGN</u></p>		

<p>of proposal for website redesign</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rachel Gilg (who completed the audit for us) has submitted a <a href="#">proposal</a> for the work. We also have her <a href="#">resumé</a> and examples of <a href="#">past work</a>.</li> <li>• Do we create an RFP for this (and go through that process) or do we hire her?</li> <li>• Look at this proposal &amp; consider, vote coming later this week.</li> <li>• Cost: part of the cost for the redesign will come from budget this year (rest of transition costs, plus some extra), part next year.</li> </ul> <p><u>DISCUSSION OF RFPs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sloan has drafted a process for RFPs, we'll look at this later.</li> <li>• Should also develop a template for RFPs moving forward so we don't have an issue next time something like this comes up. Don't want to set a precedent for this.</li> <li>• In this case, because she's already completed the audit (which we didn't do an RFP for) it makes sense to move forward with Rachel.</li> </ul>	<p>-----&gt;</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>
<p><b>New Business:</b> 2023 Elections</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of document with slates prepared by the Nominating Committee and space for us to create our lists of nominees for Nominating and Committee on Committees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We need a nominee for VP. We don't pick but could give suggestions for candidates. Potential candidates discussed; Kelly will reach out.</li> <li>○ We also need candidates for Nominating Committee &amp; and Com on Coms.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>-----&gt;</p> <p>Each person: think of one person that's good for both committees, add to document</p>	<p><b>Kelly</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p>
<p><b>Looking Ahead</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AWARDS: Currently do not have nominees for Article Award OR Martha Ross Award; Exec. Office working on this but appreciates help spreading the word.</li> <li>• NOTE: We do not have a Council meeting in July but we will have things to consider and, perhaps, vote on before our next scheduled meeting in</li> </ul>		

	August. Tomás will make sure you have an appropriate time to consider and respond. Please be on the lookout for those items.		
<b>Adjourn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Tomás ends the meeting at 12:04pm</i></li> </ul>		