Council Meeting
May 06, 2024
Zoom Teleconference Call
02:30pm – 04:07pm CT

Present: President Kelly Elaine Navies, Vice President Troy Reeves, First Vice President Sarah Milligan, Past President Tomás Summers Sandoval, Alissa Rae Funderburk, Nishani Frazier, Shanna Farrell, Carlos Lopez, Executive Director Stephen Sloan, Associate Director Steven Sielaff, & Program Associate Hailey Vinson
Members Absent: Francine Spang-Willis
Others Present:
Minutes Prepared by: Hailey Vinson

Agenda	Discussion & Decisions	Action Required	Responsible Party
Welcome	*[2:32pm] icebreaker: shared recent professional highlights*		
Minutes Approval	APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES: *Approved unanimously, no motion initiated by a council member but council was asked by President Kelly Elaine if all were in favor of approval of the April minutes [2:40 pm].*	Post minutes on the website.	Hailey
Old Business: Accessibility Guidelines	Accessibility Guidelines Working Group Update *with* Task Force ● Creation of glossary and go over the tone for the document ● Questions for the diversity committee or original author - there are broken links that need to be fixed, and unsure of price of ASL interpreters mentioned in document ● Timeline discussion: would like to give diversity committee time to review what was done - once glossary and tone are complete, Carlos will take it through a final copy edit and then they plan to send it to the diversity committee for the final check - looking at August meeting for final council approval		

	● Steven: Rachael has gone through and done accessibility reports on the website ○ She has corrected a few things already - fixed some color palettes, underlined URLs ○ main task now is adding text descriptions to images ○ runs quarterly reports and will continue to look at accessibility ○ may be good to add Rachael's report to the document	Send document to Steven Sielaff to see if there's any overlaps with Rachael's accessibility testing	Tomás, Alissa Rae, Shanna or Carlos
Old Business:	<u>Committee Appointments (Nominating and CoC) *with* Kelly Elaine</u> ● Needs one more person for Committee on Committees - waiting on one person to respond ● Carlos stepped up to be one of the nominees for committee on committees ● No thoughts/questions/comments on the slate *President Kelly Elaine asked council, "all in favor of the slate as it stands say aye" "all opposed?" Committee slate passed unanimously as it is on May 6, 2024 [2:50pm].*		
Old Business:	<u>Indigenous Initiative Grant Proposal</u> ● In the past, award and grant applicants have not been required to be members and award and grant winners receive an annual membership ● When originally created, there was a description that stated the money went to indigenous oral historians and projects based in indigenous communities - looking to potentially revise that part in the new edition ● Is the indigenous caucus now also going to be a scholarship committee? ○ suggestion for a separate scholarship committee - mentioned as a separate body in the document ○ current timeline won't work for this fiscal year but could work for next fiscal year - idea to announce it at the annual meeting for people to apply	Work together to tighten up document based on council ideas	Tomás and Francine

	○ Tomás volunteered to help Francine with tightening up the document based on council ideas		
Old Business:	<u>Updates from Committee Liaisons *with* Council</u> ● Carlos - Education Committee ○ difficult to coordinate times for a meeting but are currently communicating via email ● Nishani - Advocacy Committee ○ meet on a regular basis ○ reviewing and reframing some of the suggestions given for circumstances of censorship and freedom ○ working on an independent practitioner survey and working to complete the ethical framework for dealing with oral history in disaster and communities of conflict ○ one member has resigned from the committee ○ Nishani has been writing emails on behalf of the co-chairs ○ questions about how to engage with members who are being inappropriate and aggressive ○ OHA has a general harassment policy that should be reviewed ○ OHA can consult legal help if needed through a shared resource through ACLS ● Alissa Rae - Emerging Professionals and Scholarship Committee ○ both co-chairs stepped down for the emerging professionals - missing two people now on the committee ○ Alissa Rae is working as the de-facto chair of the committee ○ Next meeting is on June 6 ○ The committee is set up very well from the previous chair ○ Recommends to focus only on the events happening at the annual meeting ○ scholarship committee first meeting will be around the time of the form closing to	Discussion at next meeting of how to address the behavior Share emails discussed with executive office	All Nishani or Kelly Elaine

	divvy up the workload and learn the rubric and MC system ● Tomás- Development Committee ○ development committee has continued to meet and the work is moving forward ○ chair is stepping down - already discussed with Kelly Elaine about a solution ● Shanna - Public Programming, International and OHR Committee ○ working on scheduling a meeting about honorariums ○ planning to do 2 events - will learn more at the next committee meeting ○ OHR committee will meet on Friday ● Sarah - Publications Committee ○ publications committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday ○ looking to meet with some editors from OHR ○ moving forward with the idea of compiling articles into a compendium of some sort or discussion of integrating with OHR blog and OHA website ● Troy - Membership Committee ○ membership is functional ○ meeting with Sloan next week to look at membership survey ● Steven - History Task Force ○ history task force, many subcommittees ○ finished first draft of the retention policy and will be presenting it to the full task force next week ○ cannot find the memorandum of agreement between OHA and the archives at UNT		
New Business: Annual Meeting Updates	A. <u>Cincinnati 2024</u> <u>General update</u> ● Call for chairs, events, and posters will close May 17 ● 3 submitted to the call for cover art ● 2 plenaries, keynote is still tbd		

	● those interested in being involved in local arrangements had its first meeting - looking at 6-8 tours ● off site location - public library has not been communicating so have been looking into the Cincinnati Museum Center which has a union terminal to see if they'd be willing to sponsor an offsite event - will need buses since the Cincinnati Museum Center is not walking distance from the hotel ● University of Cincinnati has also not been communicating <u>Business meeting outside of the annual meeting?</u> ● Virtual in early October? Preview of annual meeting ● Transfer of presidency would still occur at the annual meeting - possibly at end of presidential reception <u>College class attending? (needs funding)</u> ● few classes at University of Kentucky are wanting to attend - looking at ways for UK to fund for them to come for a day, during their normal class time - Troy will bring it back around if it ends up coming up again B. <u>Atlanta 2025</u> ● Angela La-Blanc Ernest is the co-chair for Atlanta 2025 ● Alissa Rae and Angela will be meeting with someone from Emory University who is interested in local arrangements and may ask them to chair for local arrangements ● official email address for OHA 2025 has been created - annualmeeting@oralhistory.org ● google form for anyone interested in local arrangements - found in google drive - Annual meeting 2025 ● Idea for theme so far: tying it into the 250th anniversary - What is America? ● Nishani asked if they heard from Georgia State and will plan to reach back out to contacts there ● Delta may be a potential sponsorship - maybe a discount for members flying in?	Send thoughts about business meeting time change to Troy Add google form link to Atlanta section on website Send OHA 2024/2025 annual meeting	All Hailey or Steven Sielaff Hailey - 2024, Alissa Rae - 2025

	● Idea was given to check 2010 program for previous Atlanta sponsors ● Kelly Elaine asked about reaching out to Bettina Love - they will plan to possibly reach out to her once more information is gathered ● Voting Rights Act anniversary is also happening at same time of OHA 2025	graphics to Nishani or put them into that year's drive folder	
New Business:	<u>University of Florida Statement</u> ● received letter from SPOHP alumni - they were worried the program was being moved into the basement and worried a search for the new director hadn't been started - their timeline was quicker than our meeting and they were able to get enough letters in ● University responded positively - they aren't planning to move the collection and they are starting a national search for the next director ● Previous director asked for support in the form of writing a letter ● There is an assistant director at SPOHP - want to be sure that we're also supporting those currently in the program ● Advocacy committee or council to write the letter? ○ previous director is on the committee so they have already have been contacted about the issue - on the same note this could cause a conflict of interest in the eyes of the university if advocacy committee writes the letter ○ If advocacy committee writes it, it could be signed by advocacy committee and the council - would take more time ● Is the letter being written on behalf of the Oral History Association or the Council of the Oral History Association? ○ If it is being signed by the Council of the Oral History Association, then should it be given to the advocacy committee? ● Kelly Elaine will discuss this further with the Executive Council	Discuss with advocacy committee about writing this letter and timeline	Nishani

New Business:	<u>Nominating Committee Report *with* Sarah</u> ● Nominating committee pulled together a slate ● Went through the slate with council ○ noted one nomination that may not say yes ● All of council agreed that the slate is good to move forward		
New Business:	<u>AI and OH Symposium Update *with* Steven</u> ● 129 registrants - making money ● need to decide on a time for the pre-symposium webinar		
New Business:	<u>International Committee Proposal *with* Shanna</u> ● discussed with international committee chair, committee chair did submit report and mentioned she is going to the IOHA treasurer for clarifying information and no answers have been given since then		
Looking Ahead & Adjourn	Moving Oral History and the Law discussion to the next meeting Adjourned at 4:06pm		