Council Meeting
January 13, 2025
02:00 pm – 03:33 pm CST

Present: President Troy Reeves, Vice President Sarah Milligan, First Vice President Mark Cave, Shanna Farrell, Francine Spang-Willis, Abby Perkiss, Anna Sheftel, Executive Director Stephen Sloan, Associate Director Steven Sielaff
Members Absent: Immediate Past President Kelly Elaine Navies, Program Associate Hailey Rowe (maternity leave)
Others Present:
Minutes Prepared by: Stephen Sloan

Agenda	Discussion & Decisions	Action Required	Responsible Party
Welcome	*icebreaker – discussion of EOY OHA donor TY calls by OHA Council*		
Present Business	Discussion of incorporation of consent agenda for future OHA Council meeting. This will be a way that Council can, in one motion, to approve all the things that had been read by Council to prepare for meeting. We will have one of these going forward for Council meetings.		
Present Business	APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 12032024 COUNCIL MEETING: *Mark moves to approve the December minutes; Sarah seconded the motion. 7-0 vote to approve.*	Post minutes on website	Steven Sielaff
Present Business	Discussion of Committee Meeting Summary form for committees to report back on their meetings to Council. Need to add committee name and meeting date. Would be helpful to develop example of a filled-out form. Will also	Revise form, mockup example, and share with Council. Share draft of form with Membership Committee for use and feedback.	Stephen Sloan Abby

	convert the summary to a Word Doc format.		Perkiss
Present Business	Reminder to Council to review or become familiar with the OHA Strategic Plan (2020-2026). The plan will be to talk about it some each Council meeting. Encourage Council to review for next meeting, be prepared to share some thoughts on it.	Review OHA Mission and Vision Statements – what do those mean to you? what are we/you doing to connect and inspire oral historians? Share action plan for Strategic Plan at next Council Meeting	Council Troy Reeves
Committee Updates	Working to find chairs for three standing committees – Education, Public Programming, and Emerging Professionals. Need assistance from Shanna and Anna to call meeting and get their committee worked started and find chair. Will be getting call for leadership from Nominating Committee out soon to the membership. Encourage all members to nominate for 2 open council seats and First Vice President. Nomination and questions will be directed to co-chairs. Deadline for nominations will be **2/15**. Discussion of operation and function of OHA International Committee. There is a request from Council for a rubric based on how decisions are made on international scholarships to OHA annual meeting. Bringing in additional leadership with a cochair?	Appoint Education Committee Chair Contact Public Programming (Shanna) and Emerging Professionals (Anna) about calling committee meeting before mid-Winter in hopes of starting their work and selecting committee chair. Publish and share call for nominations. Reach out to Martha Norkunas, IC Committee Chair, to visit with her about the direction and work of the International Committee	Troy Reeves with Kelly Elaine Navies Shanna Farrell Anna Sheftel Executive Office Shanna Farrell, Troy Reeves, and Mark Cave to discuss next steps
Present Business	2025 Annual Meeting has been going on since last summer and are looking at offsite venues and waiting for call for proposals to close. Have not settled question on joint-rate proposal for registration with American Folklore		

	Society for Atlanta conference. Goal is to get the plenaries sorted out soon. Membership Committee has proposal for changes with Newcomer Breakfast for annual meeting. The Oral History and the Law Task Force is starting and doing their work.	Abby Perkiss will pass onto Sarah Milligan and program co-chairs	Abby Perkiss
Present Business	The OHA Accessibility Guidelines are ready for review by OHA Council. Council should take time to offer comment/suggestions with a deadline of **1/27**. The hope is to put this on the 2/3 OHA Council Meeting consent agenda.	Offer comments/suggestions for the revised draft with a **1/27** deadline. Send comments/suggestions on document to Troy Reeves.	Council
Present Business	Revised Indigenous Initiative Award (draft 3) shared with OHA Council. There were minor efforts since the last draft. <u>APPROVAL OF INDIGENOUS INITIATIVE AWARD:</u> *Sarah moved to approve; Mark seconded the motion. 7-0 vote to approve.*	Clean up draft, post on website, and begin to promote.	Troy Reeves and Executive Office
Future Business	Independent Practitioners discussion. More to come on the best ways to serve both our academic members and our independent members. We will be setting up Google Group as a place for them to begin to discuss mutual concerns.	Place on future agenda, set up Independent Practitioners Google Group	Troy Reeves
Executive Office Updates	Mary Kay Quinlan is retiring as OHA Newsletter Editor at the end of 2025. Grateful for her long service and Council will need to discuss role going forward, more to come at Mid-Winter. *Oral History Review* will be beginning to search for new book editor as current editor, Sharon Raynor, is stepping down after next volume.		Executive Office

	Contract with Taylor & Francis for the *Oral History Review* will continue under same terms for 2025 and will be negotiating for new terms with them for more long-term contract starting 2026. *OHR Extra!* on our website has been launched and has been running. Will be working to bring over all old content from *OHR* blog. Discussion of OHA social media and general exodus of academics from X (Twitter). General Council discuss of this. Will have further discussion at Midwinter. *OHA Guide to Volunteer Leadership* introduction of updated draft. Will vote on this at Midwinter meeting, please give first pass before 2/3 Council meeting. Hailey Rowe, OHA Program Associate, will be resigning her current position on 2/14 due to her family relocating. She will back doing fulltime remote work until that date. There is a possibility of some remote work/support from her beginning March 2025. Life Member campaign at the end of 2024 brought OHA up to over 100 Life Members. Now at 101!	With gather info on OHA social media and share with Council at Midwinter meeting. Council to review and offer suggestions/edits/revisions/ improvements/additions. Will be advertising the open position and interviewing applicants.	Steven Sielaff Council Executive Office with Assistance from Council
Midwinter Meeting	Reviewed general schedule for 2025 Midwinter meeting. Will begin about 6:30pm on Friday, February 21st, and adjourn around noon on Sunday, February 23rd.	Council to notify Executive Office of fight arrangements.	Council
	Meeting Adjourned at 3:33pm.		