Council Meeting
February 03, 2025
02:00 pm – 03:22 pm CST

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

Agenda	Discussion & Decisions	Action Required	Responsible Party
Welcome	*icebreaker – how's everyone doing/happy birthdays to late January/early February*		
Consent	January 2025 Council Meeting Minutes Committee Meeting Summary Document Accessibility Guidelines **Troy Reeves (chair) moved to approve the consent agenda, Sarah Milligan seconded, all approved at 2:12pm**		
Present Business	Accessibility Guidelines ● would like to continue to utilize this document at annual meetings to the best of our ability ● would like it to be adaptable and adoptable as we move along ● Thoughts: Possibly redoing the conference accessibility training, periodic communications with presenters that includes highlights from the accessibility guidelines, also have tidbits in the printed program and/or mobile app ● special thanks to those who worked on it		
Present	Strategic Plan Discussion (All)		

Business	1. Mission & Vision Statement a. in year 5 of 6 with this plan b. Troy was inspired by the verbs connect/inspire/support 2. How do we advance or model M & V in our work? a. Great at connecting and bringing people in but would like to work harder to sustain those new connections b. developing more opportunities throughout the year for membership other than just the annual conference - try to get others involved that may not be able to financially c. the vision statement could be considered quite political d. idea to try to get a grant to support member initiatives e. try to put more intention in creating community across different regions and countries f. may want more detail in how the language is articulated in the statements (i.e. how "support" is used) 3. OGSP Template a. Troy went through the current strategic plan and opened the floor for questions about it b. the hope is to have some updates made to it by April		
Present Business	<u>Updates</u> 1. Committees (Troy, Anna, Kelly Elaine, Shanna) a. Update from liaisons w/committees w/o chairs i. Kelly Elaine - committee now has a chair and the chair has planned the first meeting	Remind committees to submit a report before the mid-winter meeting	All committee liaisons

	ii. Shanna - chair for the public programming committee has been appointed and first meeting is being planned iii. Anna - still no chair but has a meeting scheduled for 2/14 b. Update on International Committee i. trying to schedule a meeting with the chair for Wednesday c. Final reminder to All: please remind/tell your chairs that their Midwinter Report to Council is due on February 14, 2025 i. Process of submitting: have them email you & OHA email. ii. all committees need to submit a report in advance for review before the mid-winter meeting - this report should be more detailed (Oct-now) d. Last: i. Nominate someone for 1st VP and/or Council! ii. Work w/chairs to start implementing Meeting Summary Document 2. 2025 OHA Annual Meeting (Sarah) a. General overview & update (if needed), re: AFS+ registration rate i. encouraging/promoting the conference brainstorming board ii. keynote is settled and are discussing with Georgia humanities about a sponsorship		

	iii. thinking plenaries will be focused on oral history as an activist tool - Daniel Horowitz is working to pull that together iv. first half of the day on Saturday will be a teacher extravaganza - collaborating with AFS on this v. conversations about the block party are starting - looking at the midtown library branch for the location - looking at making this a joint event with AFS vi. discussing with Stephen about a possible tribute to Cliff Kuhn and possible corporate sponsorship opportunities vii. met with Jessica Turner (AFS) last week - their theme compliments ours "Restoring and Restorying Missing Stories and Moving Forward" - their conference starts Saturday evening of Oct. 18 viii. Proposes adopting a special rate for AFS member registration for OHA 2025 Conference: $75 day rate, $175 whole conference **b. Kelly Elaine moves to approve the addition of a special rate for AFS member registration for OHA 2025 Conference: $75 day rate, $175 whole conference, Mark Cave seconds, all approved at 3:04 pm.**		

	3. Indigenous Initiative Award (Francine w/Troy & Sloan): reminder of next steps. a. indigenous caucus met last Thursday - had a few edits: more specific about reference contact information, edited the Hawaiian island bullet point b. discussed who would be on the selection committee - 3 volunteers: Winona Wheeler, Lisa Brooks, Benji de la Piedra, Francine Spang-Willis and Sarah Milligan will also be on the selection committee c. announcement of this will go out in a newsblast and webpage will be modeled after the emerging crises page		
Present Business	<u>Executive Office News/Updates (Sloan & Sielaff w/Troy)</u> 1. OHR Book Review Editor a. Jacey Anderson is new book review editor 2. 2024 Final Budget to Actual a. Stephen went quickly through 2024's budget - he will go through it in more detail during the midwinter meeting		
Future Business	1. NPS Taskforce (Sloan & Troy) a. Sloan will lead to help maximize our relationship with NPS 2. LA Fires: How can we (or can we) help our oral historians there? a. will talk more about this at midwinter 3. Midwinter Meeting (Troy & Sloan) a. What is asked of you to prepare for it? i. prepare to be in community for a while - especially on Saturday		

	b. Agenda & folder link will be sent on **February 12th** 4. If time, Action Item Review 5. Next meeting: February 21-23, 2025, in-person & in the ATL!		
	Meeting Adjourned at 3:22pm.		