Council Meeting
December 2, 2024
02:00 pm – 03:40 pm CST

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

Agenda	Discussion & Decisions	Action Required	Responsible Party
Welcome	*icebreaker*		
Present Business Minutes Approval	APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 1030204 MEETING AT OHA ANNUAL MEETING IN CINCINNATI, OHIO: *Sarah moves to approve the October minutes, Kelly Elaine seconds the approval. 7-0 vote to approve.*	Post minutes on website	Steven Sielaff
Present Business	Overview of Council Meeting Schedule for 2025 ● Will send out a poll on the possibility of moving January Council meeting from January 6th to January 13th.	poll Council on availability	Stephen Sloan
Present Business	Accessibility Guidelines Update *with* Shanna Farrell ● OHA's living document for accessibility to in-person and online events. Document has been updated. Close to being finished, needs a proofread.	proofread guideline	Shanna Farrell will send to Abby Perkiss to proofread (12/18 deadline)
Present Business	Oral History and the Law Task Force Update *with* Troy Reeves ● Co-chairs of task force have met and are beginning work of task force		

Present Business	Independent Practitioners *with* Troy Reeves ● Several independent practitioners have emailed officers asking for ways in which they can feel better heard and represented in the organization. ● Developing Google Group for a space for them to organize and perhaps move towards forming a Caucus. It may or may not be moderated by a Council rep.	create and promote Google Group for Independent Practitioners	Troy Reeves and Executive Office
Committee Reports	OHA Committee Liaisons and Charges *with* Troy Reeves ● All Council members and OHA Committee chairs have received copies of final or draft versions of each respective standing committee's charges for 2024-2025. ● Troy will be working with Committee on Committees to finalize chairs for committees without leadership. m ● Council liaison assignments for each committee are also set. ● In reflecting on connecting, inspiring, and supporting oral historians from mission statement, be sure to keep that in the forefront in assisting with committee work.	finalize appointment of committee chairs	Troy Reeves
Present Business	Indigenous Initiative *with* Francine Spang-Willis ● presented draft #2 with some feedback to be incorporated into an updated draft ● revisions along the lines of who is eligible, timeline for receiving applications and decisions, and who will determine recipient. ● will be sent back to Indigenous Caucus for review for a January Council vote for approval. ● Applications deadline will be 6/1, will work to promote in early spring.	sent draft #3 back to Indigenous Caucus for review	Francine Spang-Willis
Present Business	2026 OHA Annual Meeting Update *with* Sarah Milligan ● Angela LeBlanc-Ernest had to step down as program co-chair and Autumn Brown is now program co-chair with Alissa Rae Funderburk ● good group on program committee and local arrangements committee that are already meeting and working		

	● need to decide on registration rates ● *Shanna Farrell motioned to approve the following restoration rates for 2025 Atlanta Meeting, Mark Cave seconded this rate structure (Council voted 7-0 in favor):* ○ Regular Registration for Members with Institutional Support: $175 early bird; $200 after that. ○ Independent Practitioner Members: $145 early bird; $170 after that. ○ Student, Retired, and Members with Disabilities: $50. ○ Non-Member: $250. ○ Non-Member Student: $125. ○ "Day Rate (Community & K-12)": $25; whole conference: $50. ○ K-12 Students: $5. ○ Family Members: $35. ● with the American Folklore Society conference overlap with the Atlanta meeting, are talking to AFS about some sort of joint registration rate.	approach AFS with joint registration discussion	Sarah Milligan
Present Business	<u>2nd Read of the Proposed 2025 Budget *with* Stephen Sloan</u> ● second read of proposed 2025 budget that has been approved by OHA Finance Committee in its meeting on November 18, 2024. ● The only changes discussed from the budget approved from the Finance Committee was increasing the OHA donation to the IOHA from $4,000 to $6,000 and adjusting the scholarships budget for OHA from $20,000 to $18,000. Council also recommended a 5% raise for the OHA Program Associate, Hailey Rowe. ● *With the above revisions, Kelly Elaine motioned to approve the 2025 OHA Budget, Mark Cave seconded that motion. Council voted 6-0 to approve, with one abstention.*	notify International Committee of funding notify Hailey Rowe of pay raise	Shanna Farrell Stephen Sloan

Present Business	Taylor & Francis *OHR* Publication Contract Update *with* Stephen Sloan ● will continue on current contract for one additional year with Taylor & Francis and look toward getting more *OHR* editorial team support with spring budget review at T&F to incorporate into new long term contract. ● Geraldine Richards, OHR Journal manager for T&F, supplied additional information on the AI deal that T&F signed with Microsoft. This will be shared with Council and *OHR* Editorial Team in a upcoming meeting.		
Future Business	FINAL WORDS *with* Troy Reeves ● Recommended Council book flights for 2025 midwinter meeting in Atlanta. Try to arrive in time for dinner Friday evening and leave in the afternoon on Sunday after the morning work session. ● Council meeting adjourned at 3:37pm.		OHA Council members