



# ORAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

**Council Meeting**  
**January 05, 2026**  
**01:30 pm – 3:00 pm CST**

**Present:** President Sarah Milligan, Vice President Mark Cave, First Vice President Alissa Rae Hudson, Immediate Past President Troy Reeves, Council members: Abby Perkiss, Anna Sheftel, Fanny Garcia, Adrienne Cain Darough, Executive Director Stephen Sloan, Associate Director Steven Sielaff, Program Associate Hailey Rowe

**Others Present:** Noah Price, Destiny Crawford

**Members Absent:** Francine Spang-Willis

**Minutes Prepared by:** Program Associate Hailey Rowe

Agenda	Discussion & Decisions	Action Required	Responsible Party
Welcome 1:32 PM	Opening Thoughts: Mark Cave, share your “Golden Moment”		
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	Items on the consent agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Annual meeting minutes (December)</li> <li>● Caucus FAQ</li> </ul> <p><i>Abby Perkiss moves to approve the consent agenda (the December meeting minutes and the Caucus FAQ), Troy Reeves seconds. All approved at 2:14 pm.</i></p>	Post minutes to website  Post FAQ to website	Hailey  Steven Sielaff
<b>Present Business: Guest Introduction and Committee Chair Update</b>	<p><u>Noah Price, OHA Newsletter Editor</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Stephen Sloan introduced Noah Price to the group and talked through his experience.</li> <li>● Noah described his main job and expressed his excitement for joining the association.</li> </ul> <p><u>Destiny Crawford, Public Programming Committee</u></p>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Would like to still have 2 events this year but are still considering format (i.e. virtual webinar?)</li> <li>● At this point in the year, are just pulling together feedback from event attendees and those curious about public programming to help guide future programming</li> <li>● How do we make sure we're not overlapping or overstepping with other events/committee charges and making sure we're meeting the charges the organization wants to be fulfilled. Open to partnering with other committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Make sure to discuss with the liaison about ideas to make sure they aren't overlapping</li> <li>○ Public programming is helping to develop programming within the membership - common thing people are asking for is developing more programming that's not tied to the conference</li> </ul> </li> <li>● How do we find out in a timely manner if there are things we should be partnering on so we're not trying to jump in on the back end/pushing ourselves on other committees? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There will be a form for committees to use if interested in having an event</li> <li>○ There will also be a committee chair meeting to discuss potential collaborations/other committee goals</li> <li>○ Need to know honorarium needs in the beginning of the planning process</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Share data from the action plan survey with public programming committee</p> <p>Finalize the event form draft</p> <p>follow up with Committee on Committee to schedule chair meeting</p>	<p>Sloan or Hailey</p> <p>Sarah &amp; Sloan (Hailey)</p> <p>Sarah</p>
<p><b>Present Business: Reports</b></p>	<p><u>Executive Office Update (Stephen):</u>  2026 Budget (Action Item)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Stephen went through the budget draft for 2026</li> </ul>		

	<p><i>Alissa Rae moves to adopt the 2026 budget, Adrienne seconds, all approved at 3:24pm.</i></p> <p><u>Executive Office Update (Steven):</u>  Web Archiving/Link Fixer with Internet Archive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Had Rachael begin looking into archiving options for our website - includes a tool to check broken links - is free - possibly looking at moving forward with this tool but are continuing to look at other archiving tools in regards to UNT - will be publicly searchable after the tool is implemented</li> </ul> <p>New Fathom Analytics Tracking Features</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Showed Fathom Analytics to the group</li> <li>● 2 new things we turned on: can track downloads for everything on the resources page, able to track the main website</li> </ul> <p><u>Committee Reports or Discussion</u>  2025-2026 Committee Charges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If list has a “draft” next to it, may want to check in if it applies to your committee</li> <li>● Nominating committee form is out</li> </ul> <p><u>2026 Symposium update (Anna)</u>  Budget Proposal and Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Came up with a potential program in December - would like to pay all speakers except for those on council or program committee</li> <li>● \$7,000 total for an honorarium of \$250 each for 28 presenters - if all said yes</li> <li>● Discussed the possibility of inviting Robin Wall Kimmerer as keynote, would like to offer \$2-3,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Would reach out to her directly through the committee network - she may not say yes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Share the nomination form with others!</p> <p>Work with symposium planning committee to reach</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Anna</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Her name could draw people from multiple disciplines (not just oral history) to the symposium</li> <li>○ Could possibly find ways to underwrite this cost - fundraising, sponsorship, etc. but don't want the sponsorship to compete with annual meeting sponsorships</li> <li>○ \$7,000 total approved for spending for this event - if more is needed, will need to consider sponsorship or fundraising which won't compete with the annual meeting fundraising.</li> <li>● Planning is going very well, hoping to have program out by the end of the month - doctoral student will complete the visual art for the program</li> <li>● Discussed if didn't have the keynote, there would still be much interest in the topic</li> </ul>	out to RWK to gauge possibilities	
<b>Unfinished Business</b>	<p><u>Law and Ethics Task Force (Francine, Sarah, Troy)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There is more work to be done - Sarah's suggestion is to extend the task force for 1 more year - asking the entire task force but proposing it to co-chairs first - would like to prioritize the creation of resources to go on the website and then if there's time left, they could identify topics that could be turned into webinars</li> </ul> <p><i>Troy Reeves moves to extend the Law and Ethics task force, Adrienne Cain Darough seconds, all approved at 2:48pm</i></p>	Reach out to task force co-chairs to report on new year extension and request continuation of service	Sarah
<b>New Business</b>	<p><u>2026 Annual Meeting Registration Rates (Stephen) - Action Item</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Proposed changing the registration rates for 2026:</li> </ul>		

	<p>Regular Registration for Members with Institutional Support: \$200 early bird; \$225 after that.</p> <p>Independent Practitioner Members: \$150 early bird; \$175 after that.</p> <p>Student, Retired, and Members with Disabilities: \$75 early bird; \$100 after that</p> <p>Non-Member: \$275.</p> <p>Non-Member Student: \$150.</p> <p>“Day Rate (Community &amp; K-12)”: \$25; whole conference: \$50.</p> <p>K-12 Students: \$5.</p> <p>Family Members: \$35.</p> <p>Onsite registration \$250</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Idea for a raised on-site registration fee to encourage pre-registration and fee for presidential (and other) reception to help with headcount (proposed \$10)</li> </ul> <p><i>Troy Reeves moves to accept the 2026 OHA conference rates as proposed with the \$25 on-site registration fee, Alissa Rae Hudson seconds. All approved at 2:59pm.</i></p> <p><u>2028 Meeting Site Selection (Stephen) - Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will discuss in Portland</li> </ul> <p><u>Strategic Objective Planning (Sarah) - Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read the document and proposed plan. Midwinter we will do some work on the strategic objectives for next year.</li> </ul>	<p>Post rates and begin working on registration form for 2026</p> <p>Add small fee to rsvp for receptions with OHA 2026 registration form</p> <p>Make travel arrangements for MWM</p> <p>Look in folder and Sarah’s follow up email for more details on strategic plan assignments</p>	<p>Hailey</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>
	<p><i>Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 pm.</i></p>		