



ORAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting
December 01, 2025
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: Francine Spang-Willis, Abby Perkiss, Anna Sheftel, Fanny Garcia, Adrienne Cain Darough, Executive Director Stephen Sloan, Associate Director Steven Sielaff, Program Associate Hailey Rowe

Minutes Prepared by: Program Associate Hailey Rowe

Agenda	Discussion & Decisions	Action Required	Responsible Party
Welcome 1:34PM	Reminder of council terms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only one council seat open for next year's slate Will ask for volunteers for leaders of the warm-up discussion Everyone shared a food that has importance to them		
Consent Agenda	Won't receive much discussion here but can still discuss if a member would like to do so <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working to be intentional about agenda creation Items on the consent agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual meeting minutes (October) Campus Oral History Caucus creation request <i>Francine Spang-Willis moves to approve the consent agenda (the October Annual meeting minutes and the campus Oral History Caucus creation request), Troy Reeves seconds. All approved at 1:50pm.</i>	Post minutes to website	Hailey
Present Business: Reports	<u>Executive Office Update (Stephen):</u> Newsletter Editor Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did a zoom interview with 6 potential candidates, narrowed the search down to 3 final candidates to present to council 		

	<p><u>Executive Office Update (Steven):</u></p> <p>Social Media Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a tie vote for Bluesky and Threads - no new social media site at this time • Twitter will be gone in the New Year and OHA will continue to advertise the socials we do have rather than starting a new one <p>OHR Blog Migration Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OHR blog is now hosted on godaddy <p>OHA Archive and Retention Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents are almost ready • There will be a subdirectory on website that will say we have an archive and these policy documents • Plan to begin implementing these policy documents in 2026 <p><u>Committee Reports or Discussion</u></p> <p>Request from Membership about mentorship continuation (part of request in end-of-year committee report) - (Abby)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the idea for a cohort model of mentorship throughout the year be revisited? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There was discussion and general consensus to not continue the year long mentorship program at this time, but a suggestion to see if there is interest in developing more clear mentorship outline or guidelines for the mentorship program at the annual meeting. Suggestion to connect emerging professionals and membership committees to discuss this action <p>Diversity Committee post annual meeting virtual debrief event (Francine)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal of having a more virtual presence at annual meeting to increase accessibility - had a Nov. 12 event to help push this idea - about 50 signed up and had a guest speaker 	<p>Emerging Professionals and Membership liaisons can connect and propose this idea</p>	<p>Fanny and Abby</p>
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	<p><u>2026 Symposium update (Anna and Francine)</u> Discussion of proposed registration rates for 2026 Symposium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed raising the registration fees from past years Should have the program together by January Would like to pay honoraria for speakers OHA website needs to be updated with existing Symposium information from 2025 annual meeting program. Need graphics. Plan to determine draft speakers by December and finalize the list by January 2026. <p>New Rates: MEMBERS Life Members/Student/Retirees/Underemployed: \$25 Independent Practitioners: \$50 Members With Institutional Support: \$100</p> <p>NON-MEMBERS Retirees/Students/Underemployed: \$50 Independent Practitioners: \$100 Institutional Support: \$150</p> <p>INSTITUTIONS Partner Member Institution: \$250 Non-Partner Member Institution: \$350</p> <p><i>President Sarah Milligan put forward a vote to approve moving the new symposium rates. All approved at 2:54pm.</i></p> <p><u>Emerging Professionals Committee (Fanny)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 volunteers for co-chairs and they have been introduced. Fanny is urging the group to meet in December 	<p>Once graphics are approved, post Symposium information to website</p> <p>Send Symposium draft image/graphics to Francine, Shanna and Anna before posting to website</p>	<p>Hailey or Steven Sielaff</p> <p>Hailey</p>
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<p>Looking ahead</p>	<p><u>Update on 2026 annual meeting (Mark)</u></p> <p><u>Transparency on creation and release of statements (Troy) - discussion</u></p> <p><u>Community of Care conversations - continue? (Sarah) - discussion</u></p> <p><u>Caucus FAQ (Troy and Anna) - discussion</u></p> <p><u>2028 Meeting site selection (Stephen) - discussion</u></p> <p><u>Budget requests from standing committees (Sarah) - discussion</u></p>		

	<u>Schedule to lead monthly meeting openings (Sarah)</u> <u>Strategic objective planning (Sarah) - discussion</u> <u>Update on Law and Ethics Task Force - next steps (Sarah)</u>		
	<i>Meeting Adjourned at 3:02pm.</i>		