

**Registrar's Committee Mountain Plains Museum Association (RC-MPMA)**  
**Annual Report**  
**September 30, 2021**  
**Sioux Falls, SD**

**Elected and Appointed Positions:**

- Alex Deselms re-elected to Chair and Ashley Yager re-elected to Treasurer
- Looking for an Elections/Nominations Chair
- Still looking for a Development Chair
- Needing state representatives for Montana, South Dakota, and Texas.
- May be revising election protocols and adding professional development chair/coordinator

**Business Meeting:**

- Last year's guest speaker was Collections Stewardship AAM Chair Sebastian Encina on updates and changes to CS-AAM and how they can work together with the regional groups. We had approximately 21 in attendance at the virtual meeting.
- This year's guest speaker is Michael Suing, the Deputy Director of Public Programs and Special Projects at the National Music Museum, Vermillion. He is presenting on the care of musical instruments, including whether or not to play them.
- Inspired by ARCS Giveaway, for new/renewing memberships paid by March 1, 2021, we had a drawing for a copy of the new Museum Registration Methods 6th Edition. The winner was Michelle Gallagher Roberts, Deputy Director at the New Mexico Museum of Art. We have plans to do a similar drawing next year.

**Membership Report:**

- During the 2020 calendar year, we reported **150** members. However, possibly due to the economic stresses of the pandemic, the RC-MPMA finished the 2021 calendar year with a decrease to just **57** paid members. Of those **57** members, **8** were new members and **49** were renewing members.
- Membership dues paid past August 1, 2021, will be considered current through December 2022. We will be beginning a new membership drive in December 2021 for the 2022 calendar year.
- Payments continue to be easy with both PayPal and check options.

**Scholarship:**

- Scholarships Comped for virtual conference
- RC-ANR: Funding from last year and this year enabled 2 full scholarships
  - Ashley O'Hara, Crested Butte Museum
  - Jennifer Modzel, Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum
- RC-Ship Art - Terry Dowd LLC: virtual funding from last year rolled over & supplemented by RC funds to provide full scholarship
  - Rachel Lovelace-Portal, Deadwood History, Inc

**Behind-the-Scenes:**

- Last year at virtual conference -- 4 approx. 10 minute videos of museum collections storage areas, shown during REAL stage / Lightning Talks. We still hope to post these and others online, possibly to YouTube.
  - We had hoped to do something similar this year, but we had no responses and cancelled it. We may try again next year.
- This year's Behind-the-Scenes will be at the Museum Resources Center at the end of the first evening event (the Old Courthouse Museum).
  - We also ended up with another Behind-the-Scenes event at the Washington Pavilion on the second night.

**Newsletter:**

- The Spring 2021 / Post-Conference Newsletter came out in June and the Pre-Conference Newsletter came out just before the conference.

**Helping Hands:**

- Last year there was no Helping Hands due to the virtual conference.
- This year will be at the Center for Western Studies and has been limited to 10 participants due to COVID precautions and protocols.

**CS-AAM:**

- Alex Deselms represented the RC-MPMA at the national virtual management meeting of the Collections Stewardship American Alliance of Museums (CS-AAM) in May.

**Treasurer's Report :**

- Coming soon