

Registrar's Committee Mountain Plains Museums Association (RC-MPMA)
Report, January 23, 2019
Albuquerque, NM

Elected Positions and ByLaw Changes:

Following a call for nominations, the RC-MPMA membership re-elected Heather Coffman as Vice Chair and elected Jennifer Toelle as Secretary after Shikoh Shiraiwa's resignation. The membership also approved the creation of a Development Chair and State Representatives during a bylaw change election survey.

Appointed positions

- Development Chair (NEW POSITION)- Michelle Gallagher-Roberts, New Mexico Museum of Art.

State Representatives

The RC-MPMA has also had significant progress made in filling State Representative positions who are proving effective at helping with membership drives and relaying RC information to state members. We are currently searching for State Representatives in North Dakota, Nebraska, and Wyoming.

Membership

During the 2017 calendar year, we reported 85 current members. The RC-MPMA finished the 2018 calendar year with a decrease, but still solid numbers at 69 paid members! Of those 69 members 24 were new members and 45 were renewing members. We are in the middle of membership renewals and as of January 19, 2019, 35 members have renewed or are new and the other renewal forms will be sent to members in January and February. The RC saw an increase in new members signing up thanks to the RC-MPMA Business Lunch. The number of new members gained from the luncheon was 11. Significant changes were discussed and made to the membership process in 2018. RC-MPMA still maintains that ability to process credit cards thanks to the efforts of MPMA which has help many of our members, and new for 2018 we are hoping to implement a PayPal payment process to help members who did not have access to the online MPMA payment system. Thanks to the efforts of Susie Fishman-Armstrong, Ashely Yeager, Casey Seger, Deb Arenz, and Peggy Schaller we are hoping to provide a smooth transaction experience when paying for membership this year and into the future.

Behind the Scenes Tour

The tour took place at the opening part at ZooMontana. Staff from their education department gave the tours, which hosted hosted two groups up to 20 people. The tour sold out, with 19 people on the waiting list.

We worked with Deb with changing payment for the Behind-the-Scenes. To keep it simple, this year we required everyone to pay \$10 for the event, instead of just active members. These payments will be applied towards membership for both new and renewals. The new process worked well.

Newsletter

We submitted a newsletter in August and Libby Krecek completed the newsletter for the post-conference/winter issue newsletter in October.

Scholarships

RC-MPMA ANR Transport Scholarship – Michael Lorusso, Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, Colorado College, CO

RC-Terry Dowd LCC Scholarship – Kelly Houston, Pioneer Woman Museum, OK

Treasurer

Susie Fishman-Armstrong is working with Ashley Yager to set up a PayPal account for membership renewals.

Business Luncheon

This year the guest speaker of the luncheon was Jeff Ewelt, Executive Director, ZooMontana, who spoke about about “Curating a Living Museum.” The luncheon was well attended, and included live animals.

Helping Hands

Helping hands was located at the Yellowstone County Museum. We assisted in their inventory and cataloged objects in their art and baseball collections.

CS-AAM

Libby Krecek represented the RC-MPMA at the upcoming national meeting of the Collections Stewardship-American Alliance of Museums (RC-AAM) in Phoenix, Arizona in May.

Checking Account:

Date	Transaction Type	Description	Amount	Total
9/8/18	Beginning Balance			\$47.58
No transactions this period				
1/23/19	Ending Balance			\$47.58

Savings Account:

Date	Transaction Type	Description	Amount	Total
9/8/18	Beginning Balance			\$5,947.59
9/29/18	Dividend credit		\$.24	\$5,947.83
10/12/18	Deposit	Dues and donations	\$20.00	\$5,967.83
10/31/18	Dividend credit		\$.25	\$5,968.08
11/14/18	Deposit	Dues and donations	\$210	\$6,178.08
11/30/18	Dividend credit		\$.25	\$6,178.33
12/31/18	Dividend credit		\$.25	\$6,178.59
1/10/19	Deposit	Dues and donations	\$10	\$6,188.59
1/23/19	Ending Balance			\$6,188.59

RC-MPMA Combined Account Balances: \$6,236.17

RC-MPMA Treasurer's Mid-Winter Report

9/8/18 – 1/23/19

Income

	Proposed
Dues and donations	\$800
Scholarship Funding (for 2018 MPMA meeting)	\$1,500
Dividend Credits	\$2.00
Total Income	\$2,302.00

Expenses

	Proposed
Midwinter MPMA Attendance for Chair	\$500
Scholarship Awards (for 2018 MPMA meeting)	\$1,500
Shipping	\$25
Total Expenses	\$2,025.00

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