

**Registrar's Committee Mountain Plains Museums Association (RC-MPMA)
Report, March 2021**

Elected Positions:

Following a call for nominations, the RC-MPMA membership elected Casey Seger as Vice Chair and re-elected Jennifer Toelle as Secretary. We thank Heather Coffman for her years of service as Vice Chair and are glad she is remaining involved by serving as the Facebook moderator.

Appointed positions

- Membership Chair - Olivia Reyes, Gaylord-Pickens Museum, Home of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame
- Development Chair -

State Representatives

State representatives have been extremely valuable partners in assisting with membership drives and relaying RC information to state members. We are currently seeking State representatives for Texas and Montana. Additionally, the state representative position for Wyoming and Colorado has now been combined. We are also seeking to fill the Development Chair position.

Membership

During the 2019 calendar year, we reported 72 members. The RC-MPMA finished the 2020 calendar year with an increase to 150 paid members, more than double the previous calendar year! Of those 150 members, 86 were new members and 64 were renewing members. We are currently in the middle of membership renewals and as of February 26, 2021, 30 members have renewed or are new. We sent out renewal reminders in January and February, and will send out the next set to members in March.

Behind the Scenes Tour

As part of the MPMA Virtual 2020 Conference, we sent out a call for short collections storage videos and had 4 videos (approximately 10 minutes each) that were shown on Collections Day of the conference. Those who created videos were also available for questions.

We are revisiting previous plans for the Behind the Scenes tour in Sioux Falls and returning to our \$10 cost.

Newsletter

The Spring 2020 (post-conference) newsletter was distributed in ---- 2020.

The Spring 2021 newsletter should be out in March or April.

Scholarships

RC-MPMA ANR Transport Scholarship – Mattie Barlow and Olivia Reyes, Oklahoma Hall of Fame & Gaylord-Pickens Museum, OK

RC-Terry Dowd LCC Scholarship –

We were surprised by the low applications for scholarships this year. Only two who applied through the MPMA Scholarship portal were paid members of the RC and eligible for our scholarships.

Treasurer - See next page

Business Meeting

This year the speaker was Sebastian Encina, the Chair of the Collections Stewardship Professional Network of AAM (CS-AAM). He discussed current and planned programs and committees and encouraged more collaboration between the regional committees, the national committee, and the Association of Registrars and Collections Specialists (ARCS). He also introduced CS-AAM appointments in the region.

Helping Hands

With the virtual conference, there was no Helping Hands. We are revisiting previous plans for this event in Sioux Falls.

CS-AAM

Alexandra Deselms represented the RC-MPMA at the virtual meeting of the Collections Stewardship-American Alliance of Museums (RC-AAM) in April 2020.

RC-MPMA Treasurer's Mid-Winter Report
9/19/19 – 1/22/20

Checking Account:

Date	Transaction Type	Description	Amount	Total
9/19/19	Beginning Balance			\$25.52
1/16/19	Deposit	Dues and Donations (transfer from PayPal)	65.49	\$91.01
1/22/2020	Ending Balance			\$91.01

Savings Account:

Date	Transaction Type	Description	Amount	Total
9/19/19	Beginning Balance			\$6,690.82
9/30/19	Dividend credit		\$.29	\$6,691.11
10/31/19	Dividend credit		\$.28	\$6,691.39
11/30/19	Dividend credit		\$.27	\$6,691.66
12/31/19	Dividend credit		\$.28	\$6,691.94
1/22/2020	Ending Balance			\$6,691.94

RC-MPMA Combined Account Balances: \$6,782.95

2019-2020 Proposed Budget

Income

	Proposed
Dues and donations	\$800
Scholarship Funding (for 2020 MPMA meeting)	\$1,500
Dividend Credits	\$2.00
Total Income	\$2,302.00

Expenses

	Proposed
Midwinter MPMA Attendance for Chair	\$500
Scholarship Awards (for 2020 MPMA meeting)	\$1,500
Shipping	\$35
Total Expenses	\$2,035.00

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