

Registrar's Committee Mountain Plains Museums Association (RC-MPMA)
Midwinter Report, March 10, 2022
Tulsa, OK

Elected Positions:

Following a call for nominations, the RC-MPMA membership re-elected Alexandra Deselms as Chair and Ashley Yager as Treasurer. We were pleased to see an increased interest in serving as an officer with three nominees for Chair.

Appointed positions

- Nominations Chair - Rachel Lovelace-Portal, Deadwood History Inc.
- Development Chair - NEEDED to build scholarship support and outside of conference opportunities.

We may be revising election protocols and adding a professional development chair/coordinator position.

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 a state representative for Montana. We are also seeking to fill the Development Chair position as well as find Social Media contributors. Finally, the current Membership Chair will leave the post following this year's conference in Tulsa, so that position will also become available at that time.

Membership

During the 2020 calendar year, we reported **150** members. The RC-MPMA finished the 2021 calendar year with a decrease to **57** paid members, less than half the previous calendar year. Of those **157** members, **8** were new members and **49** were renewing members. We are currently nearing the end of the membership renewal period and as of March 10, 2021, **33** members have renewed and **6** new members have joined for a total of **39** members. We sent out renewal reminders in January and February, and will send out the next set to members in mid-March.

Behind the Scenes Tour

We returned to our \$10 tour cost. Our Behind-the-Scenes was at the Museum Resources Center at the end of the first evening event (the Old Courthouse Museum); we had great desserts and 20 attendees, who all very much enjoyed (and were jealous of) the space. We also ended up with another Behind-the-Scenes event at the Washington Pavilion on the second night focused on art with 20 participants, who also enjoyed their tour.

We are currently looking for locations for the 2022 BTS in Tulsa.

Newsletter

The pre-conference newsletter was distributed before the 2021 October conference.

The Spring 2022 post-conference newsletter should be out in April or May.

Scholarships

RC-MPMA ANR Transport Scholarship – Ashley O'Hara, Crested Butte Museum & Jennifer Modzel, Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum

RC-Terry Dowd LCC Scholarship – Rachel Lovelace-Portal, Deadwood History, Inc

Due to 2020 rollover donations, 2021 donations, and our own funds, we were able to provide 3 scholarships.

Treasurer - See next page

Business Meeting

2021's guest speaker was going to be Michael Suing, the Deputy Director of Public Programs and Special Projects at the National Music Museum, Vermillion. He was going to present on the care of musical instruments, including whether or not to play them. Due to speaker health issues, it was postponed to be a virtual presentation after the conference; due to Chair health issues, another delay occurred and Michael is not available to present at this time. We hope his schedule calms down so he is able to present later this year.

We did have the new CS-AAM Chair Linda Endersby bring words virtually at the business meeting before conducting table discussions with a list of suggested topics. Attendees numbered approximately 60 and seemed to enjoy the opportunity to network and chat.

Inspired by the ARCS Giveaway 2021, for new and renewing RC-MPMA memberships paid by March 31, 2022, we will have a drawing for a copy of the new Museum Registration Methods 6th Edition. We hope to do a similar drawing next year.

We are currently looking for a topic or speaker for the 2022 business meeting in Tulsa.

Helping Hands

This year's Helping Hands was at the Center for Western Studies and was limited to 10 participants due to COVID precautions and protocols. Due to a variety of issues, only 5 participants were able to go, which actually worked well with the space and project they had. Everyone seemed to have a good time. The group entered metadata for a very large photograph collection.

We are currently looking for Helping Hands 2022 locations in Tulsa.

CS-AAM

Alexandra Deselms represented the RC-MPMA at the virtual meeting of the Collections Stewardship-American Alliance of Museums (CS-AAM) in May 2021 as well as at most quarterly Zoom meetings. Alex will be representing RC virtually in May at AAM in Boston and Libby Krecek will be there in person for anything else.

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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