

Registrar's Committee Mountain Plains Museums Association (RC-MPMA)
Midwinter Report, March 28-29
Bismark, ND (RC Virtual Attendance)

Elected Positions:

Following a call for nominations, the RC-MPMA membership Katy Schmdit (South Dakota State Historical Society) as Chair and Linda Endersby (History Nebraska) as Treasurer. Alexandra Deselms will stay on as an ex-officio member for one year to assist with the chair transition.

Appointed positions

- Membership Chair - vacant, as Eldon Yeakel moved out of the region, thank you Eldon for your service as membership chair
- Nominations Chair - vacant
- Development Chair - vacant
- Scholarship Chair - vacant

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 Colorado, Texas, New Mexico, and Wyoming

Membership

We are currently in the middle of our membership renewal campaign. As of March 20th we have 28 active members.

Behind the Scenes Tour

The behind the scenes tour for the 2023 conference was at the Corpus Christi Museum of History and Science. The tour had 25 attendees and was split into two groups to accommodate the size of the group.

The behind the scenes tour for the 2024 conference will most likely be at the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

Newsletter

The pre-conference newsletter was distributed before the 2023 conference.

The Spring 2024 post-conference newsletter should be out in April or May.

Scholarships

RC-MPMA ANR Transport Scholarship – no applicants

RC-UOVO Scholarship –no applicants

Treasurer - we continue to work with MPMA leadership to merge the RC bank account and the MPMA accounts. The RC money will be placed in a restricted account under MPMA.

Business Meeting

The business meeting for 2023 was held in Coprus Christi during the annual conference. Instead of a luncheon we held a gathering in the morning for members. There was no outside speakers and the executive committee gave updates on RC's activities. At the conclusion of the meeting the treasurer and chair positions transitioned to the new officers.

During the business meeting we had drawings for the book *Basic Condition Reporting* and from Gaylord, a polyester encapsulation kit and a uniform preservation kit. Katy Schmdit won the Basic Condition Reporting book, Rachel Gruszka won the polyester encapsulation kit. Thank you to Gaylord for their donations.

Helping Hands

This year's Helping Hands was at the Corpus Christi Museum of History and Science. There were 4 attendees who helped with various tasks in the museum's collections.

We will not be doing a Helping Hands site visit at the 2024 conference in Bismark. Instead we will be doing a Helping Hands/back to basics session that we will invite local small museums to where we will give them a collections basics refresher and give collections tips. The decision not to do a site visit was made because there is not a small museum in need close enough to the conference.

CS-AAM

Because AAM disbanded their professional interest groups we no longer need to send representation to AAM.

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