

**History and Preservation Section
Regular Section Meeting
Thursday, May 20, 2021
Online via Zoom Platform**

Attendees: Tom Ankner, John Beekman, Caitlin Connelly, Aimee Fernandez-Perez, Colleen Goode, Sarah Hull, Kate Jagers, Ken Kaufman, Kathlyn Kelly, Sarah Kiefer, Danny Klein, Tara Maharjan, Jessica Myers, Elsalyn Palmisano, Laura Poll, Gary Saretzky, Deb Schiff, Richetta Wilson-Lobban, Beth Zak-Cohen

The meeting was opened at approximately 10:00 a.m. by Ken Kaufman, president.

Introductions were made.

Minutes from the last two general meetings--December 7, 2020 and March 1, 2021--were put on the table to be approved. Elsalyn Palmisano motioned to vote on the approval of the minutes and Gary Saretzky seconded the motion. The group voted and the minutes were approved.

President's Report: Ken Kaufman

Officers for 2021-2022 are as follows:

President	Beth Zak-Cohen
Vice-president	Richetta Wilson-Lobban
Members-at-Large	Tom Ankner Jessica Myers Gary Saretzky Bob Stewart

At this time, we have no one slated for the secretary's position, but a solution is forthcoming.

Vice-President's Report: Beth Zak-Cohen

The section has five sessions at this year's NJLA Conference: 1. Is It All In the Archive? Web Archiving Tools, 2. Documenting the Neglected: Archival Collecting for Underserved Communities, 3. Spreading the Word: Publicizing Local History Collections, 4. Diversifying the Archives, and 5. Documenting the Now. Volunteers are needed to help monitor each session. Beth will post sign-up sheets to the group for volunteers. She will make sure all jobs are accounted for before the conference begins.

Awards Committee: Sarah Hull

The NJLA Conference Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at 4 p.m. Tom Ankner is the awardee for the Susan Swartzburg Award. In order to attend the ceremony, you must register. A registration announcement will be posted soon.

The nominations for the Roger McDonough Award are due August 1, 2021. You can find the application on the NJSAA website. Gary Saretzky is on the award committee.

Social Media: Danny Klein

The social media report is forthcoming.

The Chronicle: Colleen Goode

Colleen thanked all those who submitted articles. The deadline to submit articles for the next issue is July 27, 2021.

New Business:

Bylaws

The Bylaws Committee submitted recommended changes to the bylaws prior to the meeting. Voting on those changes occurred through Zoom, and the changes were approved by majority vote (16 of 18 voted yes).

Old Business:

NJLA Archives

Kate Jagers committed to seeing this project move forward.

The NJLA archives are currently housed at the Talking Book and Braille Center.

Kate J. plans to appoint a task force to gather recommendations on how to gather archives from other sections/committees.

H&P Resources Webpage

This webpage is off to a good start, and it is an ongoing job.

Danny K. suggested embedding the web links for a better look; he will work on doing just that.

This task should be the work of a “web presence” committee.

We can put the resources links in the Chronicle.

Member Updates:

Newark PL -- A civil rights museum is being planned, and Tom A. is on the Planning Committee. The museum will be housed in the former police precinct where the 1967 riots started.

Jersey City PL will be highlighting the centennial anniversary of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Gary S. promoted programs initiated by the Princeton Preservation Group. One such program is scheduled for June 7, 2021, "Processing Born-Digital Manuscript Collections: A Case Study," with Hallel Yadin.

Trenton PL is celebrating the 115th anniversary of the Trentoniana Room.

At Ridgewood PL, the genealogy people are starting to trickle in. Virtual programs conducted by the local history staff are popular. On-site programming is expected to begin in the fall.

Elizabeth PL is adding a reading room to its local history room.

Services offered by the Local History Department at Plainfield PL are limited. However, its virtual programs are popular.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.