

History and Preservation Section
Regular Section Meeting
Monday, October 18, 2021
Online via Zoom Platform

Attendees: Tom Ankner, John Beekman, Colleen Goode, Kate Jagers, Ken Kaufman, Kathlyn Kelly, Jessica Myers, Gary Saretzky, Deb Schiff, Richetta Wilson-Lobban, Beth Zak-Cohen, Mary Boykoff, John Wallace, Tara S., Bob Stewart, Yoga Central, Reggie Blanding, Theresa Harris (Alice Paul Institute)

The meeting was opened at approximately 10:30 a.m. by Beth Zak-Cohen, president.

Minutes from the last general meeting, May 20, 2021, were put on the table to be approved. Beth Zak-Cohen 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: Beth Zak-Cohen

Introductions were made:

- New Secretary – Jacqueline Silver-Morillo, Archivist at Atlantic City Free Public Library, AC Heritage Collections
- John Wallace, NJLA Executive Board Liaison – works at Ocean County College as a Systems and Government Documents Librarian – stated “So basically if there’s ever any, you know, questions, thoughts, anything that you want to get on the radar of the executive board, let me know and I’m happy to get that bodies attention.”

Beth stated that there are two committees they are still looking for members.

- Nominations Committee – looking for two more members
- Program Committee – Anyone who wants to join this committee can join

Contact the Executive Board after the meeting, if you want to join.

A new official email address: historyandpreservation@njlamembers.org

Monmouth History Day Report:

Beth Zak-Cohen and Ken Kaufman attended. They had a table for the where they gave out brochures, met a lot of different people, and brought some stuff from that library. They are hopeful it will bring new members in. It was a short day only 9-1pm.

Vice President's Report: Richetta Wilson-Lobban

NJLA Conference:

- Looking for proposal ideas for NJLA
 - ✓ Beth: Navigating local history rooms or our archives during Covid-19

- ✓ John: Expanding awareness of Digital Research Tools for local history
- **Date and Location:** June 1-3, 2022 at Harrah's Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City
- **Theme:** Embracing Opportunity
- **Deadline for Proposals:** November 30, 2021
- **Email:** rwlobban@eopl.org and rwlobban@gmail.com

Other News and Questions:

- Will the H and P Section award the Susan Schwartzberg award at the June 2022 Conference?
- The Chronicle deadline is November 11, 2021
- Raising awareness about Rutgers's Special Collections and University Archives affected by Hurricane Ida (<https://sinclairnj.blogs.rutgers.edu/2021/10/ida/>) and writing a letter on behalf of the library community directly to Rutgers.

Member Updates:

Jessica – No

Gary – The Preservation Group is having a Zoom lecture on November 17th about bookworms.

Colleen – Nothing to report at this time

Jacqueline – Received an NEH grant to create a digital repository for African American History in Atlantic City

John B. – Sent out 75 more reels of microfilm to be digitized

Kathlyn - If you would like to announce any events on the Facebook page, please send the information including any graphics or flyers to me at kkelly@sclibnj.org

Mary - I work at Maplewood Memorial Library and was interested in finding out more and joining the committee

Bob – Nothing

Tara - I am the new local History and Genealogy Librarian at the Sussex County Library. I'm new to this position and I'm assessing our collection here, we have an extensive backlog of materials to work with.

Tom – Newark Public Library - the Newark Evening News (<https://www.digifind-it.com/newark/>) is now available online for people to search. So, it is available from 1883 to 1923 right now, and we are beginning a project to digitize the rest of it.

Alice Paul Presentation – started at 11:01 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.