

Minutes for May 17, 2016 NJLA History & Preservation Section Meeting held at the NJLA Annual Conference, Atlantic City, NJ.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:05 PM. In attendance were Section officers Deb Schiff and Carolyn Dorsey. Also in attendance were Sarah Hull, Paul Martinez, Natasha Zalesha, E. Kim Adams, Danny Klein, Mike Smith, Jessica Myers, John Beekman, Carl A. Lange, Patricia Collins, Elsalyn Palmisano, Fred Pachman, Eileen Morales, and Tom Ankner.

Introductions were made.

Minutes

Review and accepting of minutes from last meeting was postponed until next meeting because Secretary Ken Kaufman was not present.

Committee Reports

Sarah announced the June 27, 2016, deadline for the next issue of "The Chronicle".

Carolyn reviewed H&P conference sessions for the remainder of 5/17 and 5/18.

Jessica spoke about the upcoming Author's Program session.

Deb spoke about giving the Susan Schwartzburg award that evening and Jessica encouraged all to attend the awards reception.

The Constitution & ByLaws Committee report was postponed until the next meeting.

Deb announced that the Nomination Committee chosen slate was in and ready for vote. Attendees voted; there were no opposing votes.

The Slate: President – Carolyn Dorsey, Morristown and Morris Township Public Library; Vice President/President-Elect – Tom Ankner, Newark Public Library; Secretary – Ken Kaufman, Somerset County Library System; and Members-at-Large – Colleen Goode, Ocean County Library; Bruce Bardarik, Paterson Public Library; Nancy Madacsi, Sussex County Historical Society; and Tim Corlis, Rutgers University.

Danny, Web Coordinator, reminded members to check out the H&P webpage on njlamembers.org and to “like” the section’s Facebook page.

The Archives Committee report was postponed until the next meeting.

Old Business

Old business was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business

Paul posed a question as to if there was membership interest in a Professional Development Committee.

E. Kim thought such a committee would be a good idea and it could possibly create and offer courses.

Deb noted that we have already offered some opportunities through Rutgers, such as Archives 101.

Carolyn suggested an informal meeting for a day-long workshop, a “one off.”

Paul wants to gauge what members need to learn, and will put together a member survey – as suggested by Deb.

Jessica thought this was a good idea for public history interns starting collections.

Fred suggested finding out what the State Library could help with.

Eileen, the new grants manager at the State Library, said she is looking for another source of funding for professional development and would like a small survey for disaster planning assistance. They are open to suggestions and needs. They last survey was in 2009.

Elsalyn offered to send the CAPES organization list.

John thought it would be useful for member skill sharing and practical advice.

People were generally in favor of the establishment of a formal committee and Deb nominated Paul as the new Committee's Chair; he accepted.

Announcements

Fred announced that there was a new archives concentration at Rutgers, and suggested a possible write-up about it for the Chronicle. He later gave a CAPES update of 556 organizations helped since 1999.

Carolyn shared that Morristown has a new HTML document for miscellaneous manuscript collections up to the late 1600s.

John gave an update on the New Jersey Room renovation. It will be open in the Fall.

Mike of Waterford Township discussed a two-part project to organize the vertical file into the local history collection.

E. Kim talked about a new book about the history of New Brunswick, by Dorothea Berkhout and that they received a grant for online material.

Elsalyn talked about the Historical Society of Ocean Grove (CAPES) and the public library's 75th anniversary in Monmouth County.

Tom said he received a large grant to digitize Newark PL's collections.

Pat from Greenwich Library in Gibbstown explained she was starting on a preservation project.

Eileen talked about the Digital Library of America and reaching key goals by the end of 2017.

Natasha is helping Michele Stricker at the State Library.

Paul gave an update about the Senate minutes – that some are missing, and about the Women's Center and LGBT Center records.

Sarah announced the accession of the Plainfield Hip Hop Archive and the opening of that collection's exhibition.

Jess announced that the photo inventory of the History Society of Bloomfield was substantial.

Deb gave an update about Chester's oral history project, the Optimist Club, and a shortage of digital storage capacity.

Adjournment

Without objections, the meeting was adjourned at about 2:00 PM.

Submitted to Ken Kaufman by Sarah Hull, 6 June 2016.