**NJLA History & Preservation Section**

**Executive Board Minutes**

**8/30/2024**

**Held via Zoom**

Present: Juber Ayala, Jacquelyn Oshman, John Beekman, Gary Saretzky, Jacqueline Silver-Morillo

Meeting opened at 11:05am by Juber Ayala

Introductions

**Committees**: looking for volunteers for all committees. Will ask at general meeting to see if anyone else is interested.

**Programs:** chair: Jacqueline Silver-Morillo, John Beekman (need two more members). NJLA workshop proposal deadline is now in December so a call for proposals will go out before October meeting.

**Awards:** chair: John Beekman, Gary Saretzky, will ask Elsalyn Palmisano

**Constitution and Bylaws:** Juber suggested a more “group project” idea for the general membership rather than a specific committee. Work on the bylaws may wait until the group determines if we will keep a Social Media Coordinator position.

* Gary S. suggested Fred P. is the very best at ByLaws

**Nominations:** Juber suggested “reaching out” to members similar to how John B. did last year to get new officers.

* One more Member at Large is needed

**NJLA Archives and History Subcommittee**: Chair: Jacqueline Silver-Morillo (as per Bylaws), Juber Ayala

**Other Assignments**:

**Newsletter Editor**: Kathlyn Kelly

**Professional Development Coordinator**: unofficial but will reach out to E. Kim Adams.

**Section Archivist**: Juber will reach out to Sarah H. to confirm her willingness to continue.

**Web Presence Coordinator:** TBD if we want to continue Social Media. Juber A. will look into updating the website.

**Meetings:**

Meetings will be held in October, January, April and June (At NJLA)

* Juber would like to continue the in-person meetings (with hybrid options) for all meetings.
* Possible locations included Middlesex County Archives in North Brunswick, Newark Public Library (after March 2025), CCAHA (Philadelphia), Atlantic City Museum, and Gloucester Co. Historical Society. All can potentially be open to MARAC as well.
* A poll will be sent out to determine an October date soon.
* Comments on locations:
  + E. Kim Adams had suggested MC Archives for an October meeting but Gary S. suggested moving that to April to give the Archives more time to process their collections
  + Newark is undergoing renovations and will not be available until after March
  + Gary mentioned that CCAHA has very limited parking so it was suggested that they give a virtual presentation to the members at the October meeting
  + John B. reminded everyone that a tour of a facility does not have to happen at the same date/time as a membership meeting (some tours may have to happen in the evening)

**Other Business:**

**Professional Development:**

* **October 13** Dyani Feigi (CCAHA) will present on preservation for small and or underfunded organizations at East Jersey Olde Town.
* **October 20** Tara Maharjan (NJ State Archives) will present on how to do a finding aid at East Jersey Olde Town.

**Monmouth County Archives and History Day:**

* Will be held on October 26, 2023 at Brookdale Community College
* Juber A. will be in attendance with both H&P and NPL, John B. will attend and bring his outreach poster, Gary S. will attend but will also present the keynote speech and the Roger McDonough award, Jacquelyn Oshman and E. Kim Adams will be in attendance with the New Brunswick Free Public Library.

**SOURCE:** Maria Dalbello of Rutgers SOURCE program has been reaching out to Archivists to speak at their meetings. John B. and Jacqueline Silver-Morillo have agreed. If anyone else is interested, contact Juber.

**Library Updates:**

**Juber Ayala** (Newark) – A Public History Intern has been working on an exhibit regarding the 1974 Puerto Rican Rebellion. He is working with a professor at RU-Newark to get the students into the library. The building is continuing renovations and they are hopeful to get the Spanish language collection onto the third floor with the PRCA. Should be opening in early 2025.

**Jacqueline Silver-Morillo** (Atlantic City) – Finishing up a proposal for a NJCH grant for an Oral History project on the Asian Community in Atlantic City. Time frame would be October 1, 2024-September 2025. Renovations on the building/Archive are awaiting City bidding process. She is holding weekly online events for Archives month including “help us identify this photo” for their unknown photos, postcards, and Alfred Heston information.

**Gary Saretzky –** Thanked everyone who went to see the Grant Castner exhibit at the NJ State Museum and stated a book is in the works with the curator of the exhibit that will include updated captions and 25 new photos. Upcoming meetings of the Princeton Preservation Group will be December 2nd (Laura Wahl of the Hagley Museum and Library discussing plastic artifacts) and in February (Acetate negatives)

**Jacquelyn Oshman** (New Brunswick) – The library is undergoing some renovations (painting the interior and moving room locations). Our interns are still working hard in the Archives on Finding Aids and scanning. They received a large photograph collection from a local photographer who passed away that will be scanned.

**John Beekman** (Jersey City) – Phase 4 renovations are in preparation at the Main Library. The NJ Room is not impacted greatly, but other shelving locations are in order to increase meeting space. Jersey City was awarded a Community Webs Digitization Grant from the Internet Archive. They will be scanning bound volumes of Government Documents, Board of Education scrapbooks from the mid 19th-mid 20th Centuries, and Municipal Scrapbooks covering the 1960’s.

Meeting adjourned at 12pm