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Minutes of the Annual Members' Meeting Midwest Archives Conference March 23, 2018

The following minutes are presented in draft form for informational purposes only. MAC membership will vote to approve minutes at the 2019 Members' Meeting.

President David McCartney called the annual Members' Meeting of the Midwest Archives Conference to order at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, March 23, 2018, at the Sheraton Grand in Chicago, Illinois.

A quorum was present.

Minutes of the April 7, 2017, annual Members' Meeting were approved as presented.

Presentation of 2018 MAC Awards

On behalf of the Margaret Cross Norton and New Author Award Committee, Alexandra Orchard presented the Norton award to Donna E. McCrea, with honorary mentions to Elizabeth Joffrion and Lexie Tom, and the New Author Award to Christine McEvelly.

On behalf of the Emeritus Scholarship for First-Time MAC Meeting Attendees, Emily Gainer presented the award to Sarah M. Wade.

On behalf of the Archie Motley Memorial Scholarship for Minority Students, Lara Friedman-Shedlov presented awards to Christina Min and Jasmine Smith.

On behalf of the Louisa Bowen Memorial Scholarship, Shaun Hayes presented the award to Matthew Prigge.

Other Acknowledgments and Recognitions

President McCartney thanked outgoing committee chairs, as well as voting and ex officio members of Council. He welcomed new members of Council and committee chairs, and thanked the outgoing 2018 Program and Local Arrangements Committee chairs.

MAC Financial Report

Treasurer Joel Thoreson provided a detailed report on MAC's financial status. He noted that MAC ended its 2017 fiscal year with a general fund budget deficit of \$10,860. Despite a \$28,250 transfer from invested funds to cover 2017 Annual Meeting costs, invested funds grew by \$22,000 over the fiscal year, producing an overall budget that finished the year with an \$11,000 increase. The

2018 general fund budget projected a deficit of \$6,649. A \$29,000 cancellation fee paid by the Doubletree should help to cover many of the unexpected expenses from the 2018 Annual Meeting. With the proposed dues increase, MAC would be better equipped to meet annual budget expenses through normal income.

MAC received \$985 in donations for student meeting scholarships, 18 of which have been awarded for the 2018 Annual Meeting.

Membership Vote: MAC Membership Dues

Upon the treasurer's recommendation, Council proposed a \$10 increase in the annual dues across all four membership categories and the creation of a new, fifth category for students. The new rates, if approved by MAC membership, will take effect October 1, 2018, as follows:

Individual \$55

Student \$45

Institutional, U.S. \$100

Institutional, Canadian or Mexican \$110

Institutional, International \$120

During discussion, a member questioned whether a retirement category exists. McCartney responded that one does not, but that the Membership Committee is considering it. A member then suggested a lower student membership fee or tiered membership fees based on income, in addition to a retirement category. Another member recommended a lower student membership fee or no fee, to be offset by a higher individual fee if necessary. Another member reiterated the idea of a higher individual fee with a lower student fee, and yet another member supported the idea of a lower student fee. Another member added that the student rate for New England Archivists is \$17.50 and Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference is \$20.

A motion was made from the floor for an amendment to lower the proposed student rate from \$45 to \$25. The motion was further amended to \$20, putting MAC's student fee in line with organizations like the New England Archivists (\$17.50) and Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (\$20). The motion was seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

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A motion was made from the floor to approve the membership dues with the approved amendment to the student rate. The motion was seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

Membership Committee Report

Lisa Carter thanked the committee membership and MAC Pals on behalf of chair Matt Gorzalski. She reported on a 0.7% increase in membership, which slightly reverses a steady decline since 2014. State representatives contacted 177 new members this year. Carter also reported on the membership renewal campaign, which included contacting lapsed members. The state representatives discovered many nonrenewals were due to changes in mailing addresses and retirements. Despite a number of renewal notices, other nonrenewals simply missed the January renewal and had since renewed between January and March. The committee received no nominations for the MAC Emeritus Membership Award for the year. MAC Pals has not been able to resolve the discrepancy between mentors and mentees. In 2017, there were 29 mentors and 31 mentees signed up for the MAC Pals Program; and in 2018, 27 mentors and 39 mentees.

President's Report

President McCartney delivered his State of MAC Address to the membership. The theme of the address was how we as archivists can thrive during challenging times. McCartney discussed MAC's five-year strategic plan, reversing the downward trend in membership, MAC's widespread educational offerings, the Education Commit-

tee survey to determine future prospects, providing more online accessibility to the *MAC Newsletter*, the energy of the MAC Pals meeting, and the Code of Conduct in the works by Council. McCartney closed with remarks on the current political climate, "constitutional infection," voting, advocacy, and activism.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Erik Moore thanked members of the 2017 Symposium Committee and reported on their findings regarding budget and unique educational opportunities. Moore also thanked the 2018 Program and Local Arrangements Committees, the Education Committee, and AMC. Thanks to their work, a record 483 attendees registered for the 2018 Annual Meeting. Moore presented a teaser for the 2018 Fall Symposium to be held October 12–13 in Iowa City. He introduced Brian Wilson and Rebecca Bizonet of the 2019 Local Arrangements Committee, who promoted the 2019 Annual Meeting to be held in Detroit, Michigan. Finally, Moore announced Des Moines, Iowa, as the location for the 2020 Annual Meeting.

Closing Announcements

Local Arrangements Committee cochairs Andy Steadham and Hathaway Hester acknowledged sponsors, gave away raffle prizes, and promoted restaurant tours.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Jennie Thomas
Secretary