

Archivists & Archives of Color Roundtable (Liaison: Zimmelman)

2005-2006 Annual Report

Officers:

Chair: Petrina Jackson, Cornell University

Co-Chair: Lisa Nguyen, Stanford University, Hoover Institution Archives

Newsletter Editor: Andrea R. Jackson, Atlanta University Center

Newsletter Co-Editor: Alan King

Web Master: Rose V. Roberto, Oxford University, Bodleian Library

Listserv Moderator: Lisa Nguyen, Stanford University, Hoover Institution Archives

SAA Council Liaison: Nancy Zimmelman, California State Archives

Report from Annual Meeting:

- Number of attendees: 52.
- Election results: Lisa Nguyen was elected to a two-year term as co-chair.
- Summary of meeting activities: see attached minutes.

Completed Projects/Activities:

- Selection of two recipients of the 2005 Pinkett Award: Lanell E. James (University of Michigan), Shawn San Ramon (University of Wisconsin-Madison).
- Co-chairs provided input on Strategic Issues, via Council Liaison Kathi Neal and participation in the Strategic Issues Leadership Forum at the 2006 Annual Meeting of SAA.
- Preparation of materials promoting the Pinkett Award for the Great Ideas! Info Expo at the 2006 Annual Meeting of SAA.
- Endorsement of two sessions for 2007 Annual Meeting of SAA: "A Special Brew: New Perspectives from the National Archives on Civil Rights, Race Riots and Brown v. Board of Education" and "Outreach to Those Less Served."

Ongoing Projects/Activities:

- Advise Council and Diversity Committee on concerns of membership as requested.
- Maintain the Archivists of Color Directory and AAC website.

New Projects/Activities: None specified.

Diversity initiatives: The AAC continues to work to promote diversity within the profession by identifying and addressing the concerns of archivists of color; promoting wider participation of said archivists in the archival profession; and promoting the preservation of archival materials that pertain to people of color. In addition, AAC continues to promote the Pinkett Award in an effort to recognize exceptional students of color entering the profession.

Questions/Concerns for Council Attention: None specified.

Archivists and Archives of Color Roundtable Minutes, August 3, 2006

- I. Teresa Mora called the meeting to order and introduced herself and co-chair Petrina Jackson. Elizabeth Adkins, SAA President Elect, introduced herself to the membership. First time attendees of SAA and the Roundtable were welcomed. Lisa Nguyen, listserv moderator, asked members to update the directory as needed.

II. Committee and Project Reports

- A. Pinkett Award Winners: Jackson introduced the Pinkett Award winners, Lanell James and Shawn Phillip San Roman. James had recently completed her first year of graduate study at the University of Michigan, School of Information. San Roman has just completed the Library and Information Studies Program at the University of Wisconsin, Madison and will shortly be starting work as an archivist for the Credit Union National Association. Members were encouraged to attend the award ceremony to support the Pinkett recipients.
 - B. Annual Collection for Pinkett: Funds totaling \$300 were collected for the award.
- III. SAA Fellowship Announcement: Danna Bell-Russel announced that Wilda Willis would be named a fellow of SAA at the Awards Ceremony. She noted that she was looking for others to be nominated and asked that members contact her with suggested nominees.
 - IV. Election of Co-Chair: Mora announced that the only nomination received prior to the meeting was that of Lisa Nguyen. She then opened the floor to nominations, no additional nominations were made. Nguyen was named co-chair as she ran unopposed. Nguyen currently serves as listserv moderator and works for the Hoover Institution at Stanford University.
 - V. AAC Newsletter: Newsletter assistant editor, Andrea Jackson announced that current editor, Paul Sevilla was resigning his posted and asked that anyone interested in serving as co-editor or assistant editor contact her (ajackson@auctr.edu). She also asked that members contact her with articles and announcements for inclusion in the newsletter.
 - VI. Council Liason Report: Kathi Neal announced that Dr. Thomas Battle had been appointed chair of the Diversity Committee and noted that the formal charge of the Diversity Committee was to be added to the Council Handbook. She noted that a resolution had been passed by Council to endorse National History Day.
- VII. Old Business:
 - A. Outreach Efforts: Mora announced that Rebecca Hankins will no longer be able to chair this committee, due to her commitment to serve on Council. She asked that anyone interested in taking the lead on this issue contact her. Mora then opened up the floor for discussion of the issue; specifically what steps the Roundtable could take to aid in SAA's outreach efforts. Ideas included, links with National History Day, looking towards RBMS for examples of successful outreach efforts, contacting schools to bring students into repositories or to targeted sessions at SAA, participation of archivists at local career days, asking students to present work with primary resources at SAA (eg. Chicago Metropolitan History Fair or National History Day projects), creative ways to get students to think about what history means to them (eg. poetry slams, rap contests).
 - VIII. New Business: Danna Bell-Russel asked members to submit program proposals, noting that the roundtable will be able to endorse two proposals for the 2007 meeting in Chicago. The submission deadline is October 9, 2006. She also noted that Solveig DeSutter was looking for proposals for pre-conference workshops. David Shongo, Chair of the Native American Archives Roundtable, noted he was interested in proposing a

session about how one's culture influences his/ her understanding of his/ her collections. He asked that anyone interested in such a session contact him (dshongo@sni.org). Jim Cartwright, noted he was interested in proposing a session on outreach to particular communities, please contact him if interested (jimc@hawaii.edu).

- IX. General Announcements: Wilda Willis thanked Danna Bell-Russel for nominating her as a fellow. Karen Jefferson announced that the papers of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. would be given to the Robert W. Woodruff Library at the Atlanta University Center.

The meeting was adjourned.