

# **Council Minutes**

*September 2, 2000*

*Adam's Mark Hotel*

*Denver, Colorado*

President Lee Stout called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. Present: Vice President Steve Hensen and Council members Thomas Battle, Tom Connors, Jackie Dooley, Mark Greene, Becky Haglund-Tousey, Dennis Harrison, Jane Kenamore, Richard Pearce-Moses, Wilda Logan Willis, and Executive Director Susan Fox. Treasurer Elizabeth Adkins was unable to attend due to personal obligations.

## **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

Stout remarked on the success of the annual meeting and his anticipation of a great year ahead.

## **REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT**

Hensen said he began making appointments. Kris Kiesling would serve as 2002 Program Committee Chair and Alden Monroe as 2002 Host Committee Chair. Kathleen Roe had agreed to serve as Chair of the Appointments Committee. He expected to complete all appointments sometime in late spring.

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Fox reported that she received a voice mail message with notification that SAA received FY2001 funding from the National Council on Libraries and Information Science in support of international travel, but that she did not yet know the amount.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Proposal to the National Historical Records and Publications Commission**

Pearce-Moses reported on his meeting with SAA units directly interested in the proposal to NHPRC requesting support for SAA to develop on-line workshops. The Committee on Education and Professional Development thought the proposal was excellent. The Standards Committee wanted to ensure that the proposed workshops taught standards correctly. He said he also met with NHPRC program officer Mark Conrad, who voiced his opinion that it was a very strong proposal. NHPRC Executive Director Anne Newhall said it would be important for the proposal to be as strong as possible.

Greene moved and Harrison seconded the motion to submit the proposal to the NHPRC. PASSED (Willis abstained).

### **Council Fundraising**

Dooley moved and Battle seconded the motion that Council contribute to SAA as a demonstration of leadership.

Greene said that he opposed any explicit requirement or expectation that contributing to the annual fund be a criteria of Council service. On the one hand many Council members were already contributing out of pocket funds to support their attendance at Council meetings; on the other hand, he was concerned that adding the expectation of additional donations to the requirements of Council service would change the very nature of Council. He understood that the intent behind the proposal was good, but he did not agree with it and could not support it.

Hensen said he was a little uncomfortable with the idea. He understood that in terms of encouraging gifts from members a united Council would indeed demonstrate leadership. He was sensitive to the fact that mandating Council contributions would fundamentally change the face of participation on Council. He said one of the areas he was most interested in pursuing during his term as president would be fundraising among foundations. The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant office directly encouraged him, on behalf of SAA, to do so. NEH recognized that SAA had needs that could not be fulfilled in terms of staffing or other resources. Personally, he would feel a lot more comfortable if raising funds through a direct approach to foundations. SAA had not invested in developing an ongoing relationship with foundations and it was time to start. On the other hand, he said he would not vote against the motion. Full Council participation in fundraising was an important symbolic gesture. He understood that it was the spirit, not the amount that counted most.

Tousey said she did not feel that telling membership year after year that Council had contributed year after year would be much of a motivating influence. She would be happy if all Council members contributed and SAA announced that fact, but to make it an annual requirement might not be such a good thing.

Stout said the opportunities and dimensions of SAA fundraising would go in more directions than simply an annual appeal to members. There would continue to be an annual appeal, and if Fellows expanded their work on planned giving, as well as an annual letter appeal from the President -- then Council contributions would not necessarily have to be an element to it. He would be comfortable having Council contributions as part of a general message in that he could say that Council voted to make contributions and let it go at that. He would not suggest unanimous or 100% participation.

Kenamore said that 100% Council participation would put SAA in a stronger position when soliciting Fellow contributions, because the Fellows contributed a good bit of money this past year. To discontinue full Council contribution could be detrimental to that effort.

Harrison said that the fundraising consultant told Council that SAA would need to start with an internal fundraising effort, 100% commitment, which would then increase the amount of support received from outside sources.

Pearce-Moses said he believed it was appropriate for members of Council to make an appropriate contribution. He was caught off guard initially by the surprise factor, not knowing that this would be required. He wanted the contribution to be considered in light of the very real personal and time commitments that Council members already made to the Society. Advance warning to those considering service on Council was very important.

A vote was called on the motion. PASSED. Greene opposed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Annual Meeting Site Cycle**

Council agreed it was important to receive a final report from the Task Force on Annual Meeting and asked Fox to follow up with Tim Ericson, who served as Task Force Chair, to receive the report in time for the winter Council meeting.

### **Incorporating Diversity into Annual Meetings**

Council discussed the importance of incorporating diversity sessions into every annual meeting, as program sessions and/or as preconference workshops. Hensen noted that the 2002 meeting in Birmingham would present many unique opportunities to discuss issues of diversity.

### **American Library Association Accreditation Task Force**

Greene reported on a presentation made to the Committee on Education and Professional Development (CEPD) by Bob Martin, a member of the American Library Association (ALA) Council and a member of the ALA Task Force on the Independent Accrediting Body. This was a self-appointed group with some highly influential members. The task force evolved out of a continuing discussion in ALA regarding radically reforming the way ALA accredits programs. The task force had reached a point where it believed that the best future for accreditation would be to spin accreditation off from ALA and form an independent accrediting body which would include ALA and formal representation from a number of allied organizations. Greene said Martin made it clear that there was no sense at that stage that if such a proposal, even if fully developed, would be accepted by the ALA Council. Martin had wanted to know if SAA would be interested in actively participating in the process as it evolved further. CEPD thought it a good idea, but recognized that such a major decision would rest with Council. Martin had suggested that SAA designate a formal liaison to the task force.

Council discussed which units would best represent SAA. Stout suggested appointing two liaisons, one from the ALA/SAA Joint Committee and one from CEPD.

### **Appointments to Council Archives & Archivists Listserv Subcommittee**

Greene outlined the responsibilities of serving on the Council Archives & Archivists Listserv Subcommittee, which centered on serving as a policy body adjudicating issues and disputes for the list administrator, and bringing issues to Council which might need a more formal SAA decision process. Connors and Dooley agreed to serve with Greene and Pearce-Moses.

### **Moving SAA Archives**

Fox reported that Frank Cooke, SAA Archivist, would retire in a few weeks from his position with the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where the SAA archives reside. Tim Ericson had volunteered to manage the archives from his repository in the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and had said that he would be happy to serve as SAA Archivist.

Tousey moved and Greene seconded the motion that the SAA archives be moved from the University of Wisconsin-Madison to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and that Tim Ericson be appointed to serve as SAA Archivist.

Greene urged that SAA and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee develop a donor agreement before sending SAA records to the repository.

The motion PASSED.

Stout read the To Do list.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.