

Society of Georgia Archivists
Business Meeting
Athens, Georgia
November 6, 2014

PRESENT

Andy Carter, Courtney Chartier, Traci Drummond, Justine Fletcher, Allison Galloup, Wendy Hagenmaier, Stacy Jones, Josh Kitchens, Michael Law, Cathy Miller, Michael Nagy, Kim Norman, Heather Oswald, Brittany Parris, Amanda Pellerin, Sarah Quigley, Lynette Stoudt, and Carol Waggoner-Angleton.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:40pm. President Courtney Chartier welcomed everyone and reminded those gathered about the Athens Walking Tour for membership that would follow the end of the meeting. Printed reports were distributed by board members and committee chairs not presenting verbal reports during the meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS

President

Following her welcome, President Courtney Chartier provided an update on the current number of active members (260) and the number of meeting attendees (121.) She noted that SGA's finances are healthy and that the organization's scholarship program is going well, as Michael and Kim would discuss via their respective reports. Courtney was pleased to announce that the Taronda Spencer Award has been established as a permanent award. She also commented that SGA's publications were doing well, as would be discussed later in the meeting. SGA's Outreach program, particularly the Everyday Digital Archives campaign, has been going very well. Touching on her report, Courtney noted that the SGA Strategic Planning Task Force has been focused on the future of SGA to determine how it wants to grow as an organization. A member survey had been recently distributed to garner feedback, but sufficient results have not been obtained. The survey will be sent out again and all were encouraged to respond. Courtney closed by encouraging all to volunteer with SGA by signing up to join committees.

Treasurer

Treasurer Michael Nagy was present and submitted a report, which he summarized verbally. SGA has \$93,854.14 in total assets with \$12,921.75 in checking account, \$77,997.59 in money market account; \$2,734.80 with PayPal, and \$200.00 in petty cash. He noted that the Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet reports for bank account totals and budget subaccounts for the 2014 budget year as of October 31, 2014 were available upon request. The 2014 budget is also available on the SGA website. He noted that he has filed Form 990 with the IRS and renewed SGA's Non-Profit Corporation Registration Renewal with the Georgia Secretary of State. He has also been corresponding with other professional organizations who have reached out to SGA on advice relating to accounting and finance practices.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scholarship

Scholarship Committee Chair Kim Norman was present and submitted a report. She introduced committee members and announced 2014 scholarship winners. Certificates were handed out.

- *Carroll Hart Scholarship*: Greer Martin of DPLA in Athens, GA
- *Brenda S. Banks Educational Workshop Scholarship*: Ryan Smith, The Black Archives in Miami, FL (*unfortunately unable to attend the workshop*)
- *Edward Weldon Scholarship*: Meredith Torre, previously at Columbia Theological Seminary and now of the Atlanta Housing Authority
- *Larry Gulley Scholarship*: Ephranette Brown, Georgia Archives
- *Anthony R. Dees Educational Workshop Scholarship*: Kacey Gill Davis, Birmingham, AL
- *Taronda Spencer Award* given to JoyEllen Freeman, Clayton State University MAS graduate program

Nominating

Nominating Committee Chair Lynette Stoudt was present and submitted a report, which provided an overview of activities related to the Fellows Program and the SGA Election. She announced the names of those individuals who would be serving in newly elected positions in 2015 and asked those individuals to stand and be recognized: Vice President/Pres. Elect: Brittany Parris; Secretary: Kim Norman; Archivist: Stacy Jones; Director: Heather Oswald; and Nominating Committee: Marie Force, Christine Wiseman

PUBLICATION REPORTS

Provenance

Provenance Editor Cheryl Oestreicher was unable to attend, so Courtney provided an update on her behalf. There have been approximately 1,592 downloads of *Georgia Archives* and 14,538 downloads of *Provenance* since they have gone online. Courtney acknowledged the successful work that Cheryl has accomplished. The issues online are heavily indexed and searchable. The publication of the first digital edition (i.e. *Provenance* XXI, Issues 1, Special Issue on Advocacy) regarding the Georgia Archives crisis was well received. Cheryl has been working hard to publicize the availability of these issues online. “Are the Digital Natives Restless?” by Laura Botts and Lauren Kata is the most accessed article. Cheryl is working with the SNAP (SAA’s Students and New Archives Professionals Roundtable) to publish a special issue with them in 2014. Courtney then announced that the recipient of the David B. Gracy, II Award was Traci JoLeigh Drummond for her article, “‘No Competing Claims’: The Seizure, Abandonment, and the Acquisition of PATCO Records.” Courtney noted that Traci is the current Archivist for the Southern Labor Archives at Georgia State University Library and that Dr. Gracy served in this role in the past. Dr. Gracy took the podium and praised *Provenance*, pledging that he would match \$500 if SGA raised \$500 by the end of January as an effort to continue to build up the journal and award. Courtney thanked Dr. Gracy and everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01pm.

Respectfully submitted on 12/1/2014.

Brittany Parris, Secretary