

Society of Georgia Archivists
Business Meeting
St. Simons, GA
8 November 2012

Called to order by President Marie Force at 12:05 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

President Marie Force welcomed attendees to the 2012 annual meeting. She recognized the 2012 board members and committee chairs and thanked them for their service. She also recognized and thanked the meeting's speakers and moderators, the *Provenance* board and editors, and the First- and Second-Year Directors and their Program and Local Arrangements committee members.

She directed attendees' attention to printed reports distributed by board members and committee chairs not presenting verbal reports during the meeting. Members were encouraged to pick up copies and read these reports, which were provided by Andrea Jackson (Archivist), Rebecca Landel-Hernandez (Administrative Assistant), Joshua Kitchens (newsletter), Kevin Fleming (website), Brittany Parris (listserv), Amanda Pellerin (Subscription Manager), Tamara Livingston (Georgia Archives Month), Michael Law (Education), Lynette Stoudt (Membership), Renna Tuten and Paul Crater (Directors), and Luciana Spracher (Mentoring).

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President:

Marie shared both written and verbal reports of her activities for the year. Many of her efforts were geared toward advocacy for the Georgia Archives. She worked with SGA Outreach Coordinators and the Coalition to Preserve the Georgia Archives to craft a presentation deck for Georgia legislators; met with State Senator Jason Carter; drafted a letter of support for the Georgia Archives from corporate archivists; attended the Breakfast at the Capitol event; and coordinated efforts with SGA, CPGA, media, and Elizabeth Dill (the Save the Georgia Archives petition and Facebook page administrator) among other activities. Marie also worked with the Georgia Archives Month committee to plan their proclamation signing, and they presented the governor the 10,000 signatures generated by an online petition to stop the closing of the archives. Marie's sister, graphic artist Sarah Fuoto, contributed design work for the presentation deck, signage, the Save the Georgia Archives logo, and a lapel sticker.

Marie also represented SGA at SAA's first summit for regional archival associations held in conjunction with the annual SAA meeting in San Diego. She emailed minutes and recommendations to SGA members for feedback; input provided will be shared with SAA Council in January 2013. Recommendations included creating a formal SAA committee for regional collaboration, setting up a formal advocacy toolkit, and providing a listserv, wiki, or other mechanism for regional communication.

Treasurer:

Treasurer Michael Nagy provided a verbal report. SGA had an income of roughly \$23,400 and expenses of approximately \$8,700 this year (not including the annual meeting). We have \$78,000 in a money market account (including \$47,000 in a "rainy day" fund and \$31,000 designated for scholarships) and \$15,700 in checking.

PUBLICATIONS REPORTS

Provenance:

Cheryl Oestreicher was unable to attend the meeting, but Marie Force spoke on her behalf. The 2011 Gracy Award winners were Gregory Schmidt and Michael Law for their article, "Functional Analysis and the Reappraisal of Faculty Papers: A Practical Application."

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scholarship:

Scholarship Committee Chair Allison Galloup recognized scholarship winners and presented them with their certificates. Winners were Cheryl Ferguson (Hart), Matthew "Benji" Barton (Banks), Tammi Kim (Weldon), Catherine L. Miller (Dees), and Melanie Maxwell (Gulley).

Outreach:

Outreach Manager Courtney Chartier worked with Sarah Quigley and Marie Force on a number of advocacy efforts, many of which concerned the Georgia Archives and its budget and proposed closing. They created a "Save the Georgia Archives" Twitter feed that had posts re-tweeted by Spike Lee and Paula Deen's accounts (both of them were featured in "Who Do You Think You Are?" spots filmed at the state archives. They have started a video campaign to promote awareness of the archives; Bob Barr provided the first clip, which is on a new SGA YouTube channel. There will be an advocacy training session this afternoon.

Nominating:

Nominating Committee Chair Christine Wiseman will announce the 2012 SGA Fellows during the reception. She announced the election results:

Courtney Chartier, Vice President/President Elect
Brittany Parris, Secretary
Traci Drummond, First Year Director
Meredith Torre, Archivist
Jamal Booker, Deborah Davis, and Cynthia Horne, Nominating Committee

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

2012 Annual Meeting:

Marie Force announced that the 2013 annual meeting would be held in conjunction with the archives associations of North and South Carolina. Details are still being worked out, but the meeting is expected to be in the Greenville/Spartanburg, SC, area.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marie Force announced that sign-up sheets for committees are at the registration area. She invited Richard Pearce-Moses and Christine Wiseman to provide updates on the status of the Georgia Archives after the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:22pm.

Respectfully submitted on December 3, 2012,

Laura Botts
SGA Secretary