

# SOA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

OCLC– April 5, 2013

## Between Meeting Council Actions

1. Judy Wiener made a motion to approve the contract with OCLC for the spring meeting, and to provide the SOA president with the authority to sign the contract on behalf of the Society. The motion was seconded and carried.
2. Gillian Hill made a motion to approve the purchase of 500 SOA envelopes, costing \$170.00. The motion was seconded and carried.
3. Judy Wiener made a motion to offer four scholarships—two student scholarships and two new professional scholarships for the 2013 spring annual meeting. Each scholarship to include free registration for the meeting, one year's membership in SOA, and a \$100.00 travel stipend. The motion was seconded and carried.
4. Judy Wiener made a motion to approve the four scholarship winners—Shelley Blundell (student), Lily Birkhimer (new professional, Kevin Klesta (new professional), and Mary Kroeger Vuyk (new professional). The motion was seconded and carried.
5. Judy Wiener made a motion to approve the offer of the Merit Award to Jane Wildermuth. The motion was seconded and carried.
6. Judy Wiener made a motion to approve payment for Jane Wildermuth's lunch at the spring meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.
7. Judy Wiener made a motion to approve the purchase of a gift for Christine Engels as outgoing president of the Society. The motion was seconded and carried.

## Annual Meeting

1. **Welcome:** President, Christine Engels, called the annual business meeting of the Society to order at 12:45 P.M., and welcomed everyone.
2. **Election:** Christine then introduced the candidates for election:

For President, Judith Wiener

For Vice-President, Jillian Carney

For Secretary, Gillian Hill

For Council (2 Seats), Amber Bice, Eleanor Blackman, and Nathan Tallman.

The candidate statements were included in the conference packets for attendees to read and had been published in the spring newsletter.

3. **Secretary's Report:** Secretary, Gillian Hill, said that the minutes of each meeting of Council are posted to the SOA wiki once approved, and the most recently approved minutes were those of last year's annual business meeting—May 18, 2012—which were included in the conference packet. Draft minutes of the telephone conference meeting of October 17, 2012, had been sent to Council members for review, and will be submitted for approval at the next meeting of Council. Since October 2012 there has been much Council business voted on through email (and listed above).
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Emily Gainer, reported a current balance of \$14,029.74. There were deposits of \$5,247.00 and expenditures of \$6,052.76 during the year. Interest in the sum of \$2.94 was received. The report was included in the conference packet.

5. **Committees**

**Membership:** Chair, Emily Gainer, reported a current membership of 102. There were 90 individual members (including sponsor and patron level support), seven student members, and six institutional members. Emily thanked Tameka Burke at OHS for handling the mailings of the membership renewal letters that were sent out in early January, and she reported that the membership directory on the wiki was updated on April 4, 2013.

**Nominating:** Council Liaison, Gillian Hill, said that she had been unable to participate in this year's nomination process, as she was running for reelection, but she thanked Jane Wildermuth, Chair of the Nominating Committee, and committee members Emily Gainer, Jacky Johnson, and Katy Kletlinger for all their hard work in putting together the slate of officers for 2013.

**Awards:** Chair, Judy Wiener, thanked her committee, Devhra Bennett Jones, Mark Bloom, and Susan Miller, for their help.

**Public Information:** Council Liaison, Connie Conner announced that Jennifer Long Morehart had taken over as Chair of the Public Information Committee when Rachel Bilokonsky left. Connie thanked Rachel for her work and mentioned some of the new projects. The PIC created a Google email account for SOA at the request of the SOA Council. The PIC also created a Pinterest page to promote SOA in a new way. The Pinterest page includes the SOA Archives Month posters, an interactive "Archives and Records News" board, and other images. The PIC is grateful to outgoing Chair, Rachel Bilokonsky, for the Pinterest idea and to SOA for approving the request.

**Newsletter:** Editor, Janet Carleton, said that two issues of the *Ohio Archivist* had been successfully published as PDFs—the fall issue on October 1, 2012, and the spring issue on March 18, 2013, which she had got out in time for the spring meeting. She intends to send out the next fall issue in September this year in order to publicize the many October events. She thanked Tutti Jackson at OHS, who is responsible for the design and layout of the newsletter, and said that she was wonderful to work with. In addition Janet said that she greatly appreciated the contributors and the editors—Feature Editor, George Bain, News Editor, Lisa Rickey, and Electronic Records Editor, Dan Noonan. She also asked members to continue to contribute articles and news and to continue to read the newsletter!

**Archives Month:** Chair, George Bain, said that last year the theme for Archives Month was The Peoples of Ohio. The poster illustrated the many varieties of people who have called this state their home. He said that last year a couple of people took him up on his proposal to celebrate Archives Month with an evening of readings based on interesting documents in our region's archival institutions, and he hoped that more might take part this year. The theme of this year's Archives Month, Disasters in Ohio, was prompted by the fact that this year is the centennial of the Great Flood of 1913. The decision was made to have a poster showing just one image, and institutions were encouraged to submit suitable photographs. Twenty-five images were sent from eleven different institutions, and the winner was decided by a survey of SOA members' choices. Seventy-five people took the survey. George first announced the third choice, an image of a horse, from the 1913 flood, submitted by the Mahoning Valley Historical Society, then the second choice, a photograph of Xenia High School before and after the 1974 tornado, submitted by the Greene County Room of the Greene County Public Library, and finally, the winner, a photograph of dogs on a roof during the 1937 flood. The winning photograph was submitted by the Portsmouth Public Library.

**Spring Program:** Chair, Jacky Johnson, thanked the members of her committee—Jillian Carney, Suzanne Maggard, Amber Bice, Eleanor Blackman, Shari Bower, Stephanie Bricking, and Jennifer Long Morehart. She also thanked Rai Goerler, longtime SOA member and this year's keynote speaker for his great contribution to the program, and outgoing president, Christine Engels, for all her help planning the conference. The entire committee came to the podium for a group photograph.

**Local Arrangements Committee:** Chair, Judy Wiener, thanked OCLC for providing us once more with such a great space to house our meeting, and thanked her committee members, Mark Bloom, Erik Mayer, Susan Miller, and Kristin Rodgers for all their help.

6. **Old Business:** There was no old business.

7. **New Business:**

**A. Renewal of OHS Agreement**

Christine announced that the Society has renewed the annual contract with the Ohio Historical Society. Everyone on Council feels that this has been a wonderful agreement. It has worked extremely well, and has streamlined many procedures for us. We are happy to continue with it.

**B. National Coalition for History Support**

Secretary, Gillian Hill, read a motion regarding the Society of Ohio Archivists and Membership in the National Coalition for History (NCH) that had been presented to Council in writing prior to the Annual Meeting by George Bain:

**Moved**

*That the Society of Ohio Archivists (SOA) renews its membership in the National Coalition for History (NCH) for a four-year period through Calendar Year 2016.*

*That it pay dues in 2013 at the rate of \$300.00;*

*That it pay dues at the rate of \$500.00 per annum from 2014-2016;*

*And that it revisit this commitment in 2016 for a possible continuation in the years following.*

*Submitted by George Bain.*

The motion was seconded by Kevin Grace and opened for discussion. SOA had last contributed to the NCH in 2006. Members held a lively discussion on the pros and cons of contributing, citing concern about funds, membership numbers, the NCH's priorities, what the advantages might be for SOA regarding advocacy for our goals, whether we should just contribute for one year and revisit the decision later, etc. Finally, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

**C. Ohio Local History Alliance and future conferences**

President, Christine Engels, said that the Fall Meeting of SOA, in conjunction with the Ohio Local History Alliance, had been very successful. The archives sessions SOA presented had been very well attended, and the SOA members at the conference had very much enjoyed the Alliance sessions they had attended. Christine wanted to approach the membership as a whole to see whether we should continue working with the Alliance in

some way. One thing to bear in mind was that the Alliance has their annual meeting in the fall, while we have ours in the spring. Again, there was a lively discussion among the members about the pros and cons of meeting with the Alliance, either more permanently, or occasionally. The consensus of opinion was that we should meet with them in the fall this year, but leave ourselves open to collaborate with other institutions too in the future.

8. **Awards:** Chair, Judy Wiener introduced the scholarship winners—student scholarship winner, Shelley Blundell, new professional scholarship winners, Lily Birkhimer, Kevin Klesta, and Mary Vuyk, and Merit Award winner, Jane Wildermuth, who were all congratulated on their achievement.

Outgoing President, Christine Engels, was presented with a gift for her work for the Society. Christine then thanked outgoing Council member, Jeremy Feador for his term of office, and Connie Connor, who had graciously stepped in to fulfill the term of Rachel Bilokonsky.

9. **Election Results:** President, Christine Engels, announced the results of the election. The new Council officers are:

President, Judy Wiener  
Vice President, Jillian Carney  
Secretary, Gillian Hill  
Council, Nathan Tallman and Amber Bice

The winners were congratulated and all the candidates were thanked for their participation.

10. **Silent Auction Results:** Judy Wiener announced the winners of the Silent Auction, congratulated them, and thanked all who had contributed items for the auction. She reported that \$450.00 had been received for future student scholarships.

As there was no further business, the Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gillian Hill, Secretary