

**Massachusetts State Historical Records Advisory Board (MA SHRAB)
Meeting**

Date: January 14, 2015

Time: 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Location: Massachusetts Archives

220 Morrissey Blvd

Boston, MA 02125

Attendance: Pleun Bouricius ; Rob Cox; Vicky Kruckeberg; Penni Martorell; Veronica Martzahl (Deputy Coordinator and Secretary); Cliff McCarty; Dan McCormack; Kaari Mai Tari; Gregor Trinkaus-Randall; and Jack Warner (Coordinator)

Guest: Patricia Bruttomesso; Rachel Onuf

Oath of Office

The following members took the Oath of Office for appointment to the Archives Advisory Commission.

- Kaari Mai Tari – alternate member of the Archives Advisory Commission (2 years)
- Pleun Bouricius – alternate member of the Archives Advisory Commission (1 year)
- Gregor Trinkaus-Randall – member of the Archives Advisory Commission (2 years)
- Clifford McCarthy – member of the Archives Advisory Commission (1 year)
- Robert Cox – member of the Archives Advisory Commission (1 year)
- Vicky Kruckeberg – alternate member of the Archives Advisory Commission (1 year)

Roving Archivist Applications

The following Roving Archivist applications were reviewed and approved:

- Swift River Historical Society – Level 3 (Rob and Cliff recused themselves) Approved by unanimous consent of those present
- Adams Historical Society – Level 1 approved by unanimous consent
- Old Colony Historical Society – Level 3 approved by unanimous consent
- Town of Grafton – Level 3 approved by unanimous consent
- Chelmsford Telemedia –Level 3 approved by unanimous consent
- Worthington Historical Society – Level 1 approved by unanimous consent

Regrant Applications

The following regrant application was reviewed and approved:

- Swift River Historical Society (Rob and Cliff recused themselves) \$1,000 Approved by unanimous consent of those present

- Town of Grafton - \$500 – approved by unanimous consent

Discussion of Application update

The group discussed updates that are needed to make the Roving Archivist and Regrant forms more user-friendly and compliant with NHPRC regulations. Penni will head up these updates.

Information to include:

- NHPRC acknowledgement
- DUNS number (link off Mass Humanities)
- Update year
- Take out line about rolling applications
- Acknowledge Galvin
- Recommend a work plan and budget (regrant)
- How did you find out about this program?

- Expectations
 - Roving Archivist will come to visit you to provide services in
 - Services from Roving Archivist
 - Regrant cost share

- Outcomes
 - Marketing
 - Small report /survey monkey after
 - Template for how to acknowledge grant

To help facilitate these updates, Veronica will get Penni Microsoft Word versions of these documents.

Outreach

Veronica will request that the map of Roving Archivist and Regrant awardees be added to the SHRAB website.

Massachusetts History Conference

Pleun and Patty provided any overview of the Mass History Conference to the group and highlighted some logistics.

- Average of 175 participants
- \$90 for the day – includes 3 hour workshop
- Student rate of \$55
- Discount for multiple members from one institution
- Held the first Monday in June

- Plenary speaker followed by panels, often highlighting innovation
- Networking is a huge aspect
- Patty has been the coordinator for the past 10 years
- Mass History Commons has been an exhibitor space, but not used much

Audience:

- Place for nonprofessional enthusiasts to interact with professionals.
- Not as many archivists as public historians.
- Also a membership-driven place of exchange – trying to move toward an exchange/marketplace (a space for interns to meet archivists, roving archivist to meet rovees)
- Conference not as intimidating as AASLH or even NEMA (800 people)
- They would like to expand to libraries and town clerks.

Sustainability

The problem has been the funding. Mass Humanities and its partners are currently engaged in visioning exercised to try to give it a solid institutional future and lessen the conference's dependence on funding from Mass Humanities, which ebbs and flows.

Possible model: Larger institutions (UMASS, Simmons, State Archives etc) would pay more to subsidize the participation of smaller institutions.

Programming

Panels include topics such as programming and skills workshops, and they focus more on interpretive side rather than the records side. Mass Humanities is trying to grow that aspect of the program by including a panelist of archivists related to the annual theme.

Discussion

The group discussed the overlap between the Mass History Conference and the SHRAB Forum, both in terms of programming and audience. The overall sentiment was that there would be a lot of benefits in merging the two conferences. As an interim step, it was proposed that the Forum be embedded into the afternoon programming at the Mass History Conference. The SHRAB session in the afternoon could be offered for free to anyone who would like to attend.

Outcomes of Discussion

- SHRAB will continue discussion at the next meeting but WILL participate from 1-4 at Mass History Conference on 6/1/14.
- Possible panels: Pest control? Roving Archivist? Need in the next month.
- Mass Humanities will handle registration and it will be possible to register for just the free SHRAB sessions

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

10am to 12 noon

Wistariahurst Museum

238 Cabot Street

Holyoke, MA