

Capital Area Archivists
Board of Directors Meeting
September 25, 2008
Daughters of Charity, DePaul Provincial House

Minutes

Present: Craig Carlson, Susan D'Entremont, John Diefenderfer, Michael Martin, Sean Heather McGraw, Rebecca Rich-Wulfmeyer, Amy Rupert, Bonnie Weddle, Geoff Williams

Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm.

I. Officer Reports

Michael Martin presented the membership report, attached. There are very few up-to-date paid memberships. The Board decided that memberships would be solicited when the next event is planned. No other reports were presented.

II. Advocacy Updates

John Diefenderfer reported that the federal Preserving America's Historical Records Act is in committee and still needs co-sponsors. Mike McNulty is a lame duck and is unlikely to cosponsor. Anyone living in Kirsten Gillibrand's district should be encouraged to contact her about it.

Geoff Williams reported that all recipients of this year's Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund grants and Documentary Heritage Fund grants have been notified of a 6% cut to their award. It is still unclear whether the DHP program itself will be cut by 6-10%, but it has been proposed.

III. Board Nominations

The following people have agreed to serve as officers on the Board and are being nominated: Amy Rupert, President; Chris Hunter, Vice-President; Susan D'Entremont, Secretary; Brian Keough, Treasurer. The following people are new members being nominated to the Board: Emily Southworth, Mark Wolfe, Trudy Hutchinson. The entire slate will be voted on at the annual meeting, which needs to be planned. If there are other people who are interested in serving CAA, they could serve on the Programming Committee.

IV. Annual Meeting/Elections

The Annual Meeting usually includes a program. John Diefenderfer suggested a program on security, especially in light of the recent thefts discovered at the New York State Archives. Maria Holden of the NYS Archives was suggested as a speaker. She has been

involved with the case and spoke at the Society of American Archivists. Maria may also have suggestions for other speakers. The Board enthusiastically supported this suggestion. The program was tentatively scheduled for November 13, 2008 at the Daughters of Charity. Bonnie Weddle will ask Maria if she is available.

V. Other

Other programming ideas were discussed. The FDR Library, New York State Military Museum, Albany County Hall of Records and the Martin Van Buren site were mentioned as possible sites to tour. The Van Buren site does not have a formal archives, so the others would be more appropriate choices.

Rebecca Rich-Wulfmeyer mentioned the Capital District Library Council's walking tours of several libraries in close proximity to each other, and suggested that CAA could look into doing something similar for archives. We also discussed reaching out to the Society of American Archivists student chapter at the University at Albany about sponsoring a joint program, possibly something on finding jobs and our members' job histories. Christine Boniello is the SAA student chapter president.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan D'Entremont
CAA Secretary