

Minutes for April 25, 2017 NJLA History & Preservation Section Meeting held at Harrah's Convention Center, Atlantic City, NJ.

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM. In attendance were Section officers Carolyn Dorsey, Tom Ankner, Ken Kaufman, and Deb Schiff. Also in attendance were E. Kim Adams, Cindy Allen, John Beekman, Colleen Goode, Jennifer Gundry, Annamarie Klose Hrubes, Sarah Hull, Danny Klein, Carol Simon Levin, Nancy Madacsi, Randall Marsola, Paul Martinez, Eileen Morales, Jessica Myers, Fred Pachman and Elsalyn Palmisano.

Introductions were made.

Ken presented the February 1, 2017 minutes for review. Elsalyn motioned and Tom seconded that the minutes be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice President's Report

Tom thanked all speakers and moderators present who were participating in H&P sponsored sessions at the Annual Conference. He reviewed the upcoming sessions with two scheduled later that afternoon and two on April 26th. The *NJ Authors Speak* session had a last minute change, as Joseph Grabas, author of Owning New Jersey: Historic Tales of War, Property Disputes and the Pursuit of Happiness, replaced Richard Veit on the panel.

Committee Reports

Social Media - Danny reported that the Section facebook page has reached 126 likes.

Newsletter - Sarah announced a deadline delay for the Spring edition of *The Chronicle* until May 8th. This will allow more time to include activities from the NJLA and MARAC conferences. Colleen will be editor for the Summer issue.

Nominations – See “Old Business” section.

Awards - Deb reported that the Susan Swartzburg award will be given to a recipient later that evening.

Constitution and bylaws – Carolyn tabled discussion on proposed bylaws revisions until next meeting, since there is some text which needs to be reworded.

Old Business

Carolyn announced our officers, executive board, and appointed positions for the 2017-18 year. They are as follows:

Tom Ankner -- President

Nancy Madacsi -- Vice President
Carolyn Dorsey -- Past President
Ken Kaufman -- Secretary
Jessica Myers -- Member-at-large
Gary Saretzky -- Member-at-large
Richetta Wilson Lobban -- Member-at-large
Annamarie Klose Hrubes -- Member-at-large

Colleen Goode -- Newsletter Editor
Sarah Hull -- Professional Development Coordinator
Danny Klein -- Social Media Coordinator

Carolyn reaffirmed our approach to developing non-conference programming: This year was focused on the needs of the entire NJLA membership, while next year will be geared more toward Section membership needs. Jessica praised Carolyn for her leadership in clarifying programming goals.

New Business

None

Announcements

Each meeting participant discussed projects, exhibits, and events at her respective organization.

A Symposium on exploring New Jersey's potential role in the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) is scheduled for June 14th at Monmouth County Library Headquarters. In advance of the symposium, a state wide survey was conducted to assess the current New Jersey digitization environment. Results of the survey will be examined and DPLA readiness will be discussed in terms of developing service hubs and metadata standards.

Special anniversary programs and exhibits were mentioned. On April 29th, Ocean County Library will be participating in the semiquincentennial celebration of Toms River with a panel discussion from several long-time residents. The event will be streamed online. Red Bank Public Library will be celebrating its 80th anniversary on May 20th with walking tours, a birthday party, and a reopening ceremony of the Local History Room. Newark Public Library will be hosting a new exhibit in July and August commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Newark Rebellion.

The CAPES program remains strong with 500+ evaluations in process or completed.

Tri-County History Fair, featuring Middlesex, Somerset, and Union counties, will be held at Plainfield Public Library on September 30th.

South Brunswick Public Library has been a catalyst for increased local history activity. It is hosting meetings of the newly revived South Brunswick Historical Society, and has received grant funding to digitize a local ledger book dating back to the 1780s.

The New Jersey State Library and the New Jersey Cultural Alliance for Response will be presenting a two part series of disaster preparedness training. The workshops will take place in three separate regions with the first part scheduled for June and the second part happening in August.

The main library of Jersey City Free Public Library, which includes the New Jersey Room, will be reopening on May 1st.

Adjournment

Without objections, the meeting was adjourned 1:49 PM.

Submitted by Ken Kaufman.