

LA as Subject
General Membership Meeting
Via Zoom
4/12/2022

1. Approval of the February LAAS General Meeting notes

- Lisa Crane moves to approve, notes were approved as written.

2. Approval of changes to LA as Subject Charter

- Change Charter to include specific roles which will be elected each year; identify election cycles for each role.
- 13 members attending meeting; 13 voted yes for changes to Charter; 0 voted no; 0 abstentions

3. Talk Shop and Skillshare sessions

- Stella Castillo announced she would like to resume these sessions this summer and hold them on a quarterly basis (4 per year). These sessions will be offered virtually (on Zoom), at least for now. An advantage of conducting these on Zoom is that they can be recorded and shared to members not able to attend the virtual session.
- She provided a link to the Virtual Suggestion Box - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUm69-epPJZW8p8NVpOJ2pwyuE4cW6hRIwddr1C767768etQ/viewform>
- Please make your suggestions regarding topics you would like to see covered by these sessions.

4. Announcements and Reminders

- Liza Posas announced there is a new writer, Aarohi Sheth, for Season 5 of Lost LA. If you have ideas for future episodes, let her know. If Ms. Sheth reaches out for more information, please help.
- On-site meetings could resume by the end of the year. Please email Liza Posas if you are able to host and/or are interested in hosting an LAAS General Meeting.
 - The October meeting is usually held at USC as it provides members an opportunity to see the Archives Bazaar site.
 - December is a good on-site meeting for festive activities.
- Virtual meetings allow for greater attendance by our membership.
 - They are easier to attend, especially on a workday.
- A suggestion was made to create in-person mixers such as visiting new/old archives, tours, exhibits and other in-person get togethers in-between the general membership meetings to allow members to connect socially and network.
- Liza Posas informed the membership that Dean Quinlan will be stepping down as Dean of the USC Libraries.
 - This could lead to a cultural change at the USC Libraries.

- The LAAS Executive Committee is drafting a new MOU to codify the relationship between USC and L.A. as Subject.
- Julie Yamashita announced the L.A. as Subject Executive Committee elections are coming up!
 - The Secretary, Publicity & Outreach role and the Archives Bazaar Lead are all up for election.
 - Those who were nominated should send their biography/statement to Julie by Monday, May 9.
 - Election will start Monday, May 30.
- Jessica Gambling reminded the membership of two committees which offer participation opportunities for the membership: the Archives at Risk Committee and the Archives Bazaar Committee.
- Jessica Gambling mentioned that LACMA is recycling packing/storage materials and is starting up a network for sustaining the program. Please contact Jessica for questions/call for materials.
- Howard Wenger stated that he is currently working with the Archives at Risk Committee and working with Professor Kristen Walker, a faculty member from CSU Northridge, to put together a business model for the historical society. There will be a fundraiser at Marina del Rey Hotel sometime in June. Also working with Michelle Caswell at UCLA re: community archives. Students from her class volunteer to work with local community archives.
 - Howard is also interested in hosting an LAAS meeting at the Marina del Rey Historical Society
- Lisa Crane mentioned that The Claremont Colleges Library is starting to look into Mukurtu (mukurtu.org), a content management system for Indigenous collections, and was wondering if anyone else in LAAS was also considering it.
 - Liza Posas said the Autry is also looking at it.

5. New business

- Denise McIver at the California African American Museum Library mentioned the start date to move the library has been pushed back to Fall 2023. She is still interested in volunteers to pack up the library and will send out another request for volunteers this summer.