

LA as Subject
General Membership Meeting
Via Zoom
8/09/2022

1. Approval of the June LAAS General Meeting notes

- Jessica Gambling asked all members in attendance to vote yes (approve) or no (don't approve) using the Zoom chat feature.
- Notes were approved as written.

2. Welcome new members

- There were no new members.
- Liza Posas and Julie Yamashita announced they will host workshops to help members update their online directory. The first workshop will be held on 9/9.

3. Introduce incoming Executive Committee members

- Lizeth Ramirez is the new Publicity and Outreach Lead. Lizeth is currently the Library/Archivist for Los Angeles Communities and Cultures at the UCLA Library Special Collections.
- Azalea Camacho is the new Archives Bazaar Lead. Azalea is currently the Archivist/Special Collections Librarian at Cal State LA's University Library Special Collections & Archives.
- Other Executive Committee members introduced themselves:
 - Jessica Gambling, Chair, Executive Committee
 - Lisa Crane, Secretary
 - Stella Castillo, Programming and Education Lead
 - Liza Posas, LAAS Coordinator
 - Julie Yamashita (not present), Membership and Nominating Lead

4. Archives at Risk Committee update

- Mallory Furnier gave the membership an update regarding the committee's activities.
- Current committee members are: Stella Castillo, Michele Fricke, Suzi Noruschat, Hilary Swett, and Julie Yamashita.
- The committee has successfully piloted the self-assessment program which offers a pre-defined amount of support to archives in need of a collection assessment.
- An online "Help Desk" style FAQ has been created.
- Program components include a Memo of Agreement, a Self-Assessment Survey, and a Final Recommendation Report sent from the committee to the repository.
- Questions & Answers
 - The committee is currently doing an assessment of the assessment information.

- The committee likes the idea of creating a cohort to go through the program which will be beneficial to repositories going forward in that an opportunity will be created to work as a group on similar projects.
- Does repository need to be a member of LAAS to benefit from committee?
 - Yes, currently the committee is focusing on members.

5. Archives Bazaar

- Azalea Camacho provided the membership with an update regarding the 2022 Archives Bazaar.
- The Archives Bazaar planning committee has meet twice so far and is meeting weekly.
- This year's Archives Bazaar is scheduled for **Saturday, October 22, 10am to 3pm.**
- They are still deciding if it will be a hybrid event like last year or 100% in person.
- There will be four programs, similar to last year. The committee is still reaching out to presenters.
- They could use some help with outreach and social media.
- The exhibitor registration form is now available on LAAS website.
- USC and the Doheny Library will be following LA County COVID-19 requirements which strongly recommend mask wearing indoors. Masks will be provided for exhibitors and attendees.

6. L.A. as Subject and ONE Archives "California's LGBTQ+ History Grant," presentation by Beth McDonald

- Beth McDonald shared that LAAS and the ONE Archive received a California State Library grant to uncover LA's hidden LGBTQ+ collections.
- They are interested in gathering data and bringing to light the LGBTQ+ community hidden within our collections.
- Goals include: research and outreach, organization and accessibility, education and training, tools and resources, and digital resources and exhibitions.
- For questions, please contact Beth at bethmcd@usc.edu.
- The group plans to connect with LAAS members/collections by inviting members to self-nominate. Reach out to Beth if you are interested in participating and/or believe you have relevant materials in your collections.

7. Standing Announcements and New Business

- Jessica Gambling asked Denise Mclver when will the California African American Museum (CAAM) be opened back up?
 - Denise replied it will be at least one year before re-opening. Supply chain issues have come up. Currently the galleries are open as is the museum. The research space and the library are closed as part of the renovation.
- Tom Savio from the LA Union Station Historical Society, expressed concern over USC's and LAAS's stance on COVID19 requirements for the Archives Bazaar.

- Lisa Crane from The Claremont Colleges Library reminded everyone about the LA River X exhibit currently available to visitors at the LA Public Library:
<https://www.lapl.org/events/exhibits/it-really-river-documenting-iconic-urban-waterway>
- Liane Schirmer shared about the Frida Kahlo exhibition and performance at the Frida Kahlo Theater in the Goethe-Institut of Los Angeles from August 19 through September 16.
- Denise McIver thanked Liza Posas for her knowledge and expertise in packing up the CAAM library. Denise has also been appointed to the Board for PBS So Cal and she has been on the Board for Claremont Graduate University Arts Management program.
- Howard Wenger reminded everyone about the Marina del Dey Historical Society 15th Anniversary events to be held in September.
- Lulu Urdiales, of Selp Help Graphics & Art, invited everyone to attend the Eastside Print Fair on Saturday, August 13 from 4:00pm to 9:00 pm and see their newest exhibition featuring artwork by their current artists-in-residence, Kalli Arte.
- Sara Crown, from Santa Monica History Museum announced they have recently reopened after being closed for two years due to the pandemic. Currently on display is their “Broadway to Freeway” exhibition which will run through December 23.
- Cathy Romero announced the Genealogical Society of Hispanic America, SoCal, is celebrating 30 years this year.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 10am to noon.