

LA as Subject
General Membership Meeting
Via Zoom
12/13/2022

1. Approval of the October 2022 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

- City of Calabasas Library Special Collections
- [Friends of Rockhaven](#)

3. Year in review

- Liza Posas provided a quick overview of LAAS activities this past year.
- All meetings were held online.
- The Archives Bazaar shifted closer to its pre-pandemic status.
 - The bazaar was larger than 2021; but still slightly less than pre-pandemic with 70 exhibitors, all located on the first floor of Doheny Memorial Library, and 5 public programs.
- LAAS is associated with two grants from the California State Library to USC: an LGBTQ+ history program and “Safeguarding LA Community History.”
 - LGBTQ+ history program aims to discover and highlight hidden LGBTQ+ collections in the holdings of LAAS members and beyond.
 - “Safeguarding” is centered around archives at risk.
 - Snowden Becker will host four workshops online. Save the dates (February, March, April, May) announcements will be coming out soon. Here are the four topics:
 - Creating Essential Documents
 - Housing Physical Archives
 - Collaborating with Partner Institutions
 - Preparing for a Changing Climate
 - Contact Snowden for questions: snowdenb@usc.edu
- Phyllis Hansen was the Avery Clayton Spirit Award winner this year.

4. Archives Bazaar report

- Liza Posas reported on bazaar specifics in her Year in Review (above).
- A survey of exhibitors has been created. Please fill in the survey - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdWxzhQ3n7TmVlgm4U4GBEkdrbZ5Sm_JpHdrk0pQIJRmD4hPQ/viewform

- Denise McIver asked, “When does the Programming Committee start planning?” Azalea mentioned they start their work in the Spring and anyone with suggestions should email her.

5. Newsletter

- The 2022 newsletter is in the works.

6. Holiday meet up

- The LAAS Executive Committee thought it might be fun to get together in-person ahead of the holidays and end of the year.
- Where: The Idle Hour - <https://www.idlehourbar.com/>
- When: Thursday, December 22, 5 to 7 pm.
- An invitation will be sent to all members via email.

7. “Ready – or Not” disaster preparedness program

- Hillary Ellis, NEDCC, talked about this program.
- Sponsored by the California State Library and the NEDCC.
- Consultants will conduct free site visits and look at the site’s emergency preparedness.
- An assessment report will be provided that includes risk mitigation and steps to develop a disaster plan.
- There are currently six consultants in the state of California with two in the LA area.
- Reaching out to all California organizations stewarding cultural resources.
- Not focusing on preservation; focus is on disaster plan/recovery/resources.
- Nedcc.org/caready

8. LA Railroad Heritage Foundation

- Jared Nigro explained the LA Railroad Heritage Foundation wants to go virtual. They are currently in an expensive location and want to give up the space.
- They are looking for a partner with real estate to place their artifacts, books, maps, etc.
- They are in contact with the Southern California Railway Museum in Perris, but it might be too far removed from LA.
- Snowden Becker mentioned the workshops above would apply to this situation.
- Question from Denise McIver – what African-American items might be in their collection?
- Some suggestions were placed in Zoom chat:
 - Could the Union Station provide a room?
 - How about a room/hall at the Griffith Park train center?
 - How about the Lomita Railroad Museum?

9. New business and reminders

- Campo de Cahuenga – The Campo de Cahuenga will have its Annual Reenactment on Sunday, Jan. 15 at 1:00pm to 4:00pm. It is to be a Grand Reopening celebration as well as what the City Recreation & Parks is doing. Everyone welcome. Free.

- Lulu Urdiales of Selfhelp Graphics is looking for some help with creating “augmented reality” for their Pacific Time for 2024 exhibition. Can anyone recommend an augmented reality experience or platform? You can contact Lulu at Lulu.urdiales@selfhelpgraphics.com.
 - Jessica Hough suggested: <https://monumentlab.com/bulletin/on-creating-speculative-monuments-for-los-angeles>
 - Vivian M. Escalante asked Lulu: if you are interested in historic research, we/Boyle Heights Community Partners are here for you. <https://boyleheightscommunitypartners.com/>
- Michael Berg asked a question about the LAAS MOU with USC Libraries. Jessica Gambling did a quick recap and said she would send documents to Michael.
- Jessica Gambling reminded everyone that the LAAS elections are coming up in June! Start thinking about nominations – including self-nominations.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 10am to noon via Zoom.

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