

**LA as Subject
General Membership Meeting
Via Zoom
12/12/2023**

of attendees: 22

Agenda:

1. Standing items
 - a. Approve October meeting notes (Lisa)
 - b. Welcome new members (Victoria)
2. Archives Bazaar debrief
3. Fairfax High Alumni Committee Centennial
4. Call for participants – 2024 Archives at Risk Assessment Program Cohort
5. Holiday Happy Hour
6. New business and announcements

1. Approval of the October LAAS General Meeting Notes

- Tiffney Sanford indicated that her name was misspelled on Page 2 under Questions.
- Jessica Gambling asked all members in attendance to vote “aye” (approve) or “nay” (don’t approve) using the Zoom Chat feature.
- Notes were approved with the following correction:
 - Tiffney Sanford’s name is misspelled on Page 2 under Questions.

2. Welcome New Members

- Jessica Gambling introduced our newest members:
 - Holocaust Museum LA - <https://www.holocaustmuseumla.org/>
 - Museum of Riverside - <https://www.riversideca.gov/museum/>

3. Archives Bazaar Debrief

- This year we had approximately 600 visitors and 67 exhibitors.
- Feedback received includes the following:
 - With simultaneous programming, attendees couldn’t attend all sessions.
 - It was suggested to record future sessions so attendees could at least watch those sessions they couldn’t attend in-person.
- Please contact Azalea Camacho (acamac16@calstatela.edu) to provide additional feedback.
- Several people commented they liked the shorter hours, but it does force programming into a compressed schedule.
- Aaron Klappholz mentioned talks/programs should be available online through live streaming and then the recordings posted to allow for viewing after the bazaar.
- Phyllis Hansen liked the idea of a theme for the programs.

4. Fairfax High Alumni Committee Centennial

- Raymond Roker and Bev Meyer provided a background on Fairfax High and expressed a need for archival exhibit/preservation assistance.
- The school opened its doors on September 8, 1924.
- The school is located at Fairfax and Melrose Avenues.
- The centennial celebration will take place on September 6, 7, and 8, 2024.
 - On Friday, September 6th, there will be tours on campus.
 - On Saturday, September 7th, there will be music on campus, food from local vendors, activities for children and the historical exhibit will be open.
 - On Sunday, September 8th, activities will be held off campus, and will include a hall of fame induction ceremony.
- Fairfax High is one of the oldest high schools in LAUSD.
- The historical exhibit will include the following topics:
 - Origin story – beginning of the school.
 - School integration in the 1970s.
 - Melrose and Fairfax Avenues become trendy fashion areas.
 - Key moments from school
 - Many personalities – alumni and faculty
- They have yearbooks, photos, scrapbooks, school newspapers, writing journals, news clippings, programs, awards, brochures, bulletins, newsletters, posters, student handbooks, etc.
- They need help with:
 - Curatorial advice
 - Suggestions/advice for exhibit design
 - Practical help with mounting and installation
 - Conservation/preservation
 - In-kind donations such as scanning enlargements, materials and equipment, display cases, etc.
- They shared their contact information including email FHSAA..1924@gmail.com and a QR code. Jessica will send the QR code to the LAAS listserv.
- Questions:
 - Jessica asked if they needed display cases? If so, LACMA has a spreadsheet of used cases they need to let go.
 - Stella asked when will the exhibit be ready to go? Plans are to have it all together by June and install during the summer break.

5. Call for participants for the Archives at Risk program

- The Archives at Risk Committee is seeking participants for the program's 3rd cohort (2024).
- For more information, please contact Stella Castillo and/or Mallory Furnier.
- Program includes a guided self-assessment to help organizations create a road map to look for ways to help their collections grow or work through pain points.

- See the Archives at Risk Committee webpage on the LA as Subject website: <https://laassubject.org/about/archives-risk-committee>.
- A formal call will go out over the listserv in January/February 2024.

6. Holiday meet-up Happy Hour hosted by the Executive Committee

- An invitation will be sent via listserv to all members.
- Meet-up is scheduled for Monday, December 18th, at the Idle Hour on Vineland in Los Angeles.
- Reminder, we are looking for other in-person get togethers at member locations. Please sign-up to volunteer to host a get together at your organization.

7. Announcements and New Business

- Tom Savio announced the Union Station building is under threat due to plans to build a gondola system from Union Station to Dodgers Stadium. Those opposed to plans pose the question, “why impact Union Station year-around for something that will be primarily used for just the baseball season?”
 - Please visit Stopthegondola.org
 - The Metro board will be meeting in January to approve/not approve the plans. This is just the first step.
 - Jessica recommended Tom to send information to members via the LAAS listserv.

Next meeting:

Tuesday, February 13, 10am to noon via Zoom