

LA as Subject
General Membership Meeting
Via Zoom
4/9/2024

of attendees: 23

Meeting Chair: Stella Castillo

Notes: Jessica Gambling

Agenda

1. Standing
 - Approve February meeting notes (Stella Castillo on behalf of Lisa Crane.
 - Welcome new members (Victoria Bernal)
2. Elections (Victoria Bernal)
3. LAAS Site Visit announcement (Victoria Bernal)
4. Hidden Histories update (Beth McDonald from ONE Archives)
5. Member collection highlights
6. New business and announcements

1. Approval of the February LAAS General Meeting Notes

- Stella Castillo asked all members in attendance to vote “aye” (approve) or “nay” (don’t approve) using the Zoom Chat feature.
- Notes were approved as written.

2. Welcome New Members

- Victoria Bernal announced new institutional member the California Puerto Rican Archvie

3. Elections Victoria Bernal provided information regarding elections

- Open positions – there are no incumbents for any positions except for Publicity & Outreach Lead
 - Executive Committee Chair

- Secretary
- Archives Bazaar Lead
- Publicity & Outreach Lead
- Dates
 - Nominations due May 14
 - Voting begins on May 28
 - Ballot closes at 11:59 pm on June 10

4. LAAS Site Visit

- Victoria announced site visit to Girl Scouts of Great Los Angeles (GSGLA) on Thursday May 23.
- Christina Rice, Heritage Committee member for the GSGLA, described the collections of the combined Councils of the Los Angeles area held by the GSGLA archives. and the Hayne's Foundation grant for archival processing of the collections. She also described the activities and services of the GSGLA archives.

5. One Archives Hidden History Project Update

- Beth McDonald briefly described ONE and the join LAAS project with ONE, *Hidden Histories: Discovering Los Angeles' LGBTQ+ Collections* sharing the project's Scalar page. Profiles for almost all project participants, topical guide to collections by subject head and featured collections are included on the Scalar platform page (<https://scalar.usc.edu/works/one-hidden-histories/index>). Beth shared her contact information for members to reach out to learn more. She then took questions and comments.
- It was suggested that including images of women as well as those that primarily depict men would be a positive addition to the Scalar page's key images.

6. Member Collection Highlights

- Guadalupe from the California Revealed Project shared a newly added digitized item contributed by the L.A. Public Library, *Californias: denuncia de Jose Sevilla de comercio clandestine que dice hacerse in las costas de Californias*, manuscript 1806-1816 (https://archive.org/details/cl_000934).

- Lizeth Ramirez from UCLA shared a photograph: *Sheriff Deputies carry Aurora Vargas from Chavez Ravine home, May 9, 1959* (<https://digital.library.ucla.edu/catalog/ark:/13030/hb3d5nb2f1>). The image relates to a recently proposed California Assembly Bill 1950 for the City of Los Angeles to compensate to families and descendants of families displaced via eminent domain from the current site of Dodger Stadium.

7. Announcements

- Guadalupe from California Revealed shared the upcoming Demystifying Digitization workshops. They last about a half day and are free. They will include how to nominate collection materials for the 2024/25 California Revealed round. They also continue to offer a grant program to fund the creation of metadata for digitization. The new round of funding will be announced in the fall.
 - The workshops will be held in Grass Valley, the San Diego Area, and Hayward. Participants can attend as many workshops as they would like.
- Emily Sulzer announced that the Center for the Study of Political Graphics will be exhibiting at the LA Festival of Books on April 20 and 21.
- Denise McIver of the California African American Museum announced the upcoming Simone Lee exhibit there in conjunction with LACMA.
- Jen Malone announced via chat that the Long Beach Historical Society exhibition on Long Beach's Centro de la Raza is open.
- Vivian Escalante announced the 1st Annual Rosey the Riveter Celebration on Saturday June 1. A joint event of Boyle Heights Community Partners and the Eagle Rock 20th Century Women's club.
- Liane Schirmer mentioned that receipt of listserv messages has been patchy and others mentioned they also didn't seem to be seeing all the messages they should. Victoria will relay to Liza Posas to trouble shoot the issue.
- Victoria Bernal shared the USC Bunker Hill Reframed project at USC. The opening event is on April 11th.

- Denise asked if the date and theme of the Archives Bazaar was decided. It was confirmed that it was not but should be by the next member meeting on June 11.

Next meeting:

Tuesday, April 9, 10am to noon via Zoom