

**Coastal Museum Association**

Business Meeting  
Congregation Mickve Israel  
January 8, 2020

*Meeting Minutes*

CMA President Elyse Butler, Presiding

**In Attendance**

Jeff Freeman - Davenport House  
Joe Stahl- Savannah Area Council of  
Garden Clubs, Inc. Botanical Garden  
Kelly Zacovic- City of Savannah Municipal  
Archives  
Wilma Wheten- Bonaventure Historical Society  
Elyse Butler- Georgia Historical Society  
Sheila Boone – Georgia Historical Society  
Glenda E.A. Anderson – GHRAC  
Herbert Victor- Mickve Israel  
Robin Gunn – Ossabaw Island Foundation

Chris Sergi – Andrew Low House  
Kayla Clark – UGA Aquarium  
Sabrina Saturday – Georgia Historical Society  
Laura Seifert – Savannah Archaeology Alliance  
Alena Pirok – Georgia Southern University  
Kat White – Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace  
Leah Booth – Harper Fowlkes House  
Mark Lawson – Belford Property Management  
Michael Whitaker – CEMA  
Breanne Hewitt – Georgia Historical Society  
Rebecca Edwards - ???

Travis Spangenberg - Prohibition Museum

**Member Introductions and Announcements**

Elyse Butler – GHS

- Super Museum Sunday – February 9<sup>th</sup>
- Colonial Faire and Muster February 8-9

Kayla Clark – UGA Aquarium

- Green Living Series February 6<sup>th</sup>
- Coastal Stewards Program February 29<sup>th</sup>

Laura Seifert – Savannah Archaeology Alliance

- Will be publishing an Images of America book on Fort Jackson

Travis Spangenberg – Prohibition Museum

- January 16<sup>th</sup> is 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of Prohibition, so they will host a Funeral for John Barley Corn

Alena Pirok – GSU

- Grad Students will be hosting free walking tours in the Spring

Kat White - JGLBP

- The birthplace has a new interim director

Leah Booth - Harper Fowlkes House

- Night at the Museum Event on January 25<sup>th</sup>

Michael Whitaker – CEMA

- April 14<sup>th</sup> CEMA Hurricane Conference

Robin Gunn – Ossabaw Island

- 2020 is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Coastal Marshland Protection Act

- Ossobaw Island Foundation Annual Meeting is on January 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **Old Business:**

- Approval of Minutes
  - Elyse Butler asked for any changes to the minutes. None offered. Minutes approved.
- Request for members for an Individual Membership Benefits and Guidelines Committee
- The annual audit should be completed next month

### **New Business**

- Request for someone to host a Meet the Professionals evening event for student members
  - Alena Pirok volunteered to host at Armstrong Campus of GHS

### **Program**

*Savannah Heritage Emergency Management (SHER) program by Jeff Freeman from the Davenport House, Training Coordinator for SHER*

SHER was developed in 2010 with the goal to liaison with CEMA for Cultural Heritage Institutions

Goal to develop plans for preparation and aftermath for emergency situations for Cultural Heritage Institutions

SHER website is full of great information: <https://sheronline.info/>

Knoxbox – Lock box on the outside of a building with keys to storage rooms that only the fire department has access to in case of a fire

There are several openings on the SHER board – looking for volunteers. Meetings are held quarterly

You can opt into being a member of SHER with your CMA membership – no dues

Working on a new dashboard to centralize and coordinate the disbursement of information during a disaster

CEMA is hosting a new desk for just cultural heritage people to staff it – need to complete the training in order to work the desk

### **Adjournment**