

## Coastal Museum Association

Business Meeting

Zoom Meeting

June 3, 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

Glenda E.A. Anderson – GHRAC

Herbert Victor- Mickve Israel

Kayla Clark - UGA Marine Education Center and Aquarium

Laura Seifert - Savannah Archaeological Alliance

Kat White - Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace

Holly Elliot - Coastal Heritage Society

Elyse Butler - Georgia Historical Society

Rachel Warren - Massie Heritage Center

Luciana Spracher – City of Savannah Municipal Archives

Christian Carr – SCAD professor

Elizabeth Srsic – Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace

Robin Gunn – Ossabaw Island Foundation Society

Gabrielle Hentleman – Prohibition Museum

Michael Whitaker – CEMA

Deborah Johnson-Simon

Brent Tharp – Georgia Southern Museum

Sheila Boone – Georgia Historical Society

Lydia Moreton – independent member

Emily Beck – Coastal Heritage Society

Sandra Baxter –

Gaye Kurmas – Davenport House Museum

Nora M. – Coastal Heritage Society

Mark Lawson – Belfor Property Restoration

Jamie Credle – Davenport House Museum

#### **Announcements:**

Deborah Johnson-Simon – Happy Birthday Virginia Kiah! – 10 Day Challenge to raise money and awareness for the historic marker

Brent Tharpe – Museum was wrapping up renovations when COVID hit, so it is still unclear when they will reopen

- GSU is hosting the GAM annual meeting this fall

Glenda Anderson – GHRAC award winners will be notified in October, GA Archives is still closed

Jamie Credle – Davenport House reopened and hosted 46 people on Tuesday, still trying to work out their Junior interpreter program

Elizabeth Srsic – JGLBP closed through at least July

Joe Stahl – Finally about to host their first wedding

Gaye Kurmas – no one at Davenport House Museum has complained about having to wear a mask and haven't had any troubles with over crowding.

Holly Elliot – 3 sites have reopened with sanitizing protocol and are slowly getting busier

Herbert Victor – Mickve Israel is still closed for tours, religious ceremonies have been live streamed, they are working on developing an audio tour for when they reopen

Robin Gunn – 1<sup>st</sup> trip back to the Island is already booked, Indigo trips on for the fall, evaluating whether to still have the "three little pigs" pig roast in the fall

- House Bill 906 puts Historic sites in GA in peril, acres from each site could be sold to developers and it could pass. It passed the House already.

Christian Carr – SCAD is going virtual for the summer, students are required to have internships to graduate, so if anyone has virtual options available, let her know

### **Old Business:**

- Approval of Minutes
  - Elyse Butler asked for any changes to the minutes. None offered. Minutes approved.
- Treasurer Report- no updates
- Audit update – still have been unable to complete, so this year's will have 2 years' worth of audits completed in the fall
- Kayla is compiling a list of educational programming being offered to release as a press release. Be sure to submit your plans if you want to be included.

### **New Business**

- Officer Slate Announcements – passed
  - Rachel Bradshaw as President
  - Elizabeth Srsic as Vice President

### **2020 Awards of Excellence**

#### *Award of Excellence in Education and Interpretation*

- The historical marker dedicated to Mary Musgrove in Lafayette Square submitted by Andrew Low House and NSCDA
- Davenport House Museum: A souvenir guide submitted by the Davenport House Museum

#### *Award of Excellence in Exhibition:*

- Best temporary exhibit was "Five Years That Changed Savannah Forever: Reflecting on the Civil Rights Movement through the W. W. Law Photograph Collection" submitted by City of Savannah Municipal Archives.
- Best permanent exhibit was American Indians of Coastal Georgia Exhibit submitted by Massie Heritage Center

*Award of Excellence in Outreach and Collaboration*

- Susie King Taylor Historical Marker and Dedication by Georgia Historical Society and Susie King Taylor Women's Institute & Ecology Center

*Individual of Excellence Award*

- Emily Beck, Director of Interpretation working with Georgia State Railroad Museum; Savannah History Museum; Old Fort Jackson; Pinpoint Heritage Museum; Harper Fowlkes House; Frogtown Tenements  
- Emily Beck had an outpouring of testimonials from her co-workers, is growing interpretation capacity within their organization and has had a positive impact on many museums throughout the CHS network. It looks like she has been contributing to the museum community for years, starting in 2011 as an entry level interpreter and in 2019 she was promoted to director.

We would still like to give public recognition to Ana Beasley since she created new ways to tie history and education together during the Georgia History Festival.

**Optional Program: Michael Whitaker presents training on CEMA portal**

**Adjournment**