



Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2024
Zoom

NAME	INSTITUTION / SITE
Luciana Spracher	City of Savannah Municipal Archives
Breana James	Georgia Historical Society
Wilma Wheten	Individual
Dawn Brosnan	Mighty 8th Air Force Museum
Glenda Anderson	GHRAC
Deborah Johnson - Simon	African Diaspora Museology Institute
Adam Cusick	American Prohibition Museum
Laura Seifert	Fort Pulaski National Monument
Tara Kelsey	Massie Heritage Center
Mary Strickler	Coastal Heritage Society
Lisa Denmark	Georgia Southern University
Emily Beck	Coastal Heritage Society
Kelly Zacovic	City of Savannah Municipal Archives
Joel Cadoff	Individual
Erin Dunn	Telfair Museums
Ayela Khuhro	Massie Heritage Center
Anne-Solène Bayan	Telfair Museums
Steven Smith	Massie Heritage Center
Samantha Matera	Fort Pulaski National Monument
Katie Epps	Palmetto Bluff Conservancy
Herbert Victor	Congregation Mickve Israel

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Approval of Minutes

Luciana Spracher, President of CMA, welcomed participants to the March CMA membership meeting. She reminded the group that this was the second virtual meeting this year and that the presentation would be recorded. She asked that participants stay muted when they are not speaking to help with managing background noise. She also asked that everyone use the chat to share their name and affiliation.

Last meeting's minutes were sent to CMA members electronically. A motion to approve the minutes with no corrections was given by Lisa Denmark and seconded by Dawn Brosnan. The minutes of February were approved without correction. Luciana thanked Kelly for taking last meeting's notes and thanked Anne-Solène Bayan, CMA Secretary, for formatting them.

Treasurer's Report

Adam Cusick, CMA Treasurer, outlined the treasurer's report. Back in February, CMA's balance was \$11,392.46. As of March 6, and after expenses, the balance is \$11,259.26. Adam also explained that the Kiah Fund went up from \$2,663.22 in February to \$3,309.72 as of March 6. Website fund remains at 70\$.

Luciana asked if there were questions about the Treasurer's Report. There were none. The report was accepted as information.

Old Business

Luciana reminded the group that there is an online vote to address bylaws updates discussed at the last meeting and a Kiah Fund request. The vote is live until 5pm tomorrow. She invited members to vote, either by checking their email and finding the link, or by clicking on the QR code on the slide. Luciana asked if there were any questions about the online vote. There were no questions.

Luciana asked Tara Kelsey, CMA Vice President, to give an overview of the upcoming membership showcase. Tara explained that CMA will be having its annual showcase on May 1, at noon, at the Maritime Museum. It is a great opportunity to share information about notable events, exhibitions, or programs. Presentations can be shared via powerpoint, at a table, or even just on a poster. A sign up sheet will be circulated through the listserv later this week.

Luciana shared an update on awards of excellence nominations. CMA members will receive a notification about that nomination period, which opens this Friday and can be completed via an online form. Last year, there were not enough submissions to actually select any projects of excellence. This year, you can submit projects from the 2023 calendar year as well as the 2022 calendar year. As such, you can resubmit your 2022 projects, for instance, as well as nominate for 2023 projects or for individuals. Another adjustment is that the individual of excellence award is also open to non CMA members and can include people from our cultural community. Luciana asked if there were any questions and there were none.

In June, Luciana and Tara will participate in their last meeting as President and Vice President. As such, CMA is looking for two individuals who may be interested in taking on these positions and being a part of the nominating committee. Luciana asked for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee and encouraged anyone interested in serving as President or Vice President to consider self-nominating. Luciana will put this information in the monthly member update, along with the job descriptions. CMA is a great organization for anyone interested in trying out leadership roles.

Presentation

Laura Seifert shared a presentation about what Fort Pulaski National Monument is doing to tackle climate change.

If members have any thoughts ahead of the CMA Hurricane Conference—specifically, if they want information shared with non-museum people about cultural institutions’ related needs—please reach out to Laura: laura_seifert@nps.gov.

Member Updates & Announcements

- Luciana Spracher shared that CMA is hosting a networking event at Oak 36 Bar + Kitchen on April 2, 5pm
- Erin Dunn shared that Nashville-based Raheleh Filsoofi will be visiting Savannah April 1 to 3 to collect clay for work for an upcoming exhibition at Telfair Museums. Filsoofi is seeking institutions or individuals who can assist with obtaining soil with a high clay content. Please reach out to Erin at dunne@telfair.org if you are interested in participating
- Deborah Johnson-Simon thanked CMA members for responding to the First African Baptist Church inquiry about fixing leak damage to their archive and museum space