



**Spring Council Meeting Minutes  
Des Moines, Iowa  
Thursday, May 2, 2024  
8:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**AGENDA**

**Attendance:** Jennie Thomas, Kyna Hyzinger, Anne Thomason, Marcella Huggard, Mary Ellen Ducey, Greg Bailey, Katie Dietrick, Laurinda Weisse, Jerice Barrios, Benn Joseph, Jaycie Vos, Scott Brouwer, Cara Bertram on Zoom, Sasha Kim on Zoom, Rosalie Gartner

**8:00–8:10 Welcome & Introductions (Thomas)**

Attendees introduced themselves.

**8:10–10:00 Officer & Task Force Reports**

**President (Thomas)**

See written report for updates.

**VP Report**

VP Joseph summarized the Fall 2023 symposium report. See written report.

**2024 Spring Meeting:**

Joseph summarized the key points and questions from the 2024 Annual Meeting Report and other details that emerged:

- Registration remained open so we were up to 264 attendees 38 virtual registrations. Lower number of virtual registrations. Point of discussion for the task force.
- Workshops had lower attendance than previous year.
- No DEIA unconference this year.
- Everybody received the Zoom links.

**Fall symposium, Augustana College, Rock Island IL**

Thomason reported on the Fall Symposium in the Quad Cities on reparative description workflows and requested a vote on the budget.

Council discussed the honorarium for the symposium and the need to have parity for speakers. Council discussed that there could be exceptions depending on the situation, including the budget for the symposium and how much work the speakers put into preparing the workshop.

It was noted that the manual for the fall symposium, and the education committee manual, probably need to be updated.

**Vote:** Council approved the submitted budget for 2024 symposium with one change: the non member registration rate was changed to \$200.

### **2025 Spring Meeting in Minneapolis**

Serving it up! will be the theme.

There have been challenges finding a big enough hotel and the Hilton is the hotel that will be big enough and fit our price range.

Councils discussed increasing registrations rates. Council also discussed the need to explore alternative locations as hotels continue to be too expensive. A group will be convened to discuss alternatives.

Early bird rate

\$200 for members

\$250 for non members

\$75

**Vote: Council voted to approve the following registration fees for the Spring 2025 Meeting:**

Regular registration: \$235 members, \$285 nonmembers, \$75 students (same)

One day registration: \$125 member, \$150 non member

Guest registration for the reception is \$50

Virtual registration: \$100 for members, \$125 for nonmembers (assuming we do virtual the same way)

**Vote: Council voted to approve the theme of Serving It Up**

### **Fall symposium 2025:**

The location (Sioux Falls, SD) is under consideration.

## **Annual meeting 2026:**

Proposal forthcoming, likely from The Ohio State University in Columbus, OH

## **Treasurer (Barrios)**

- 2024 Budget

- ACTION: Approval of budget

The biggest concern in our budget is that conferences are too expensive.

**Vote:** Council approved the 2024 Budget as submitted.

## **Nominating Committee Chair:**

Thomas requested that everyone think about good people for the Nominating committee Chair.

## **Secretary (Thomason)**

Benn Joseph will be the new contact for MAC in Illinois for tax documents.

## **Virtual Meeting Task Force (Herzinger)**

- DISCUSSION: Recommendations for future planning

Herzinger reported on the virtual meeting task force which developed many creative ideas. Council held a robust discussion.

## **Regional Organization Membership Assessment Task Force:**

Huggard reported on their work.

Council specifically discussed raising conference registration rates, seeking out event locations where we have more choices for vendors, different types of venues, considering the edge of cities rather than central areas, renegotiating the contract with AMC, possibility of having more content throughout the year and after the conference, every three years having a virtual conference, and more.. Everyone agreed these ideas would need to be presented to the membership before moving forward

**Action Item:** Along with the previous discussion regarding conference costs, MAC decided to create the Reimagining MAC Task Force. Several volunteered for the task force.

## **Bowen Scholarship (Smith)**

No report.

## **Motley Scholarship (Braun)**

- ACTION: Approval of Megan Keller Young, University of Illinois Chicago, as Chair, 2024-2026 •

**Vote:** Council voted to approve Megan Keller Young as Chair of the Motley Scholarship

Committee for a term of 2024-2026.

### **Greene Award (Floyd)**

- ACTION: Approval to provide free Annual Meeting registration to Greene Award recipients going forward.

**Vote:** Council voted to approve free annual meeting registrations to Greene Award recipients.

Action: This change needs to be added to Greene Award documentation.

### **• Presidents' Award / Distinguished Service Award (McCartney)**

No discussion

### **Development Coordinator (Gutiérrez-Jones)**

- ACTION: Approval of Sister Virginia Jung, Saint Scholastica Monastery / Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, as Coordinator, 2024-2026

**Vote:** Council approves Sister Virginia Jung as Development Coordinator for the term of 2024-2026

### **Education Committee (Leimkuehler & Howdeshell)**

- ACTION: Approval of Scott Brouwer, La Crosse Public Library Archives, and Brandon Pieczko, Indiana University School of Medicine, as co-chairs, 2024-2027

**Vote:** Council approved Scott Brouwer and Brandon Pieczko as Co-Chairs of the Education Committee from 2024-2027.

### **Ethics & Inclusion Committee (Inefuku)**

- ACTION: Approval of Ellen Holt-Werle, University of Minnesota, as Chair, 2024-2026

**Vote:** Council approved Ellen Holt-Werle as Chair for a term of 2024-2026.

### **Membership Committee (Bailey)**

- ACTION: Approve term limits for State Representative positions

Greg summarized the report.

Council discussed term limits for the membership committee.

**Vote:** Council voted that the Membership Committee can serve two terms of three years; members could serve another term if someone else is not identified.

### **Nominating Committee (Ranger)**

- ACTION: Standardize the format of the personal biographical statement for future ballots

This will be a duty for the new nominating committee chair.

### **Publications: See any submitted reports**

- Coordinator – No report
- Archival Issues (Harmeyer)
- Newsletter (Street)

### **Public Information Officer (Badgley-Malone)**

No report

### **Social Justice Response – No report**

Vendor Coordinator (Jacobs)

- ACTION: Discussion and approval to raise vendor fees to at least \$500 for for-profit vendors and \$300 for non-profit vendors and not require paid conference registration.
- DISCUSSION: Can we shift print advertising to the website or Sched?

Amended to:

**Vote:** Council approves raising vendor fees to at least \$600 for for-profit vendors and \$300 for non-profit vendors. Registration for the conference and reception is not included.

### **Volunteer Coordinator (Dietrick)**

**See submitted report.**

### **Webmaster (Engel)**

**See submitted report.**

### **Old Business**

Huggard: Asked about Education Committee honoraria for workshop presenters—currently \$350, if sharing \$ 400. Honorarium can be adjusted for the situation at han. Council can vote on a case by case basis. Huggard will pass this information on to the committee.

### **New Business**

Council discussed strategic plan ideas, primarily discussing how to reach out to students and new professionals and financial possibilities.

Reaching out to students and new professionals for volunteer positions

- Would require someone to lead the process/charge

- Create a cohort of mentors

- Greg can reach out to state reps to see if anyone is interested in the mentor program

Investigate financial/educational collaboration with other organizations—part of the reimagining process.

The issue of whether we want to look at our investments was brought up. The treasurer may want to start up the financial advisory committee to make recommendations on MAC finances including working with other organizations and looking at the investments.

**Vote:** Meeting adjourned at 11:33 am

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Thomason