

April 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

Council Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2025

8:00–8:15 Welcome & Introductions (Thomas) Breakfast served throughout. Breaks as needed.

Attendees: Anne Thomason, Rosalie Gartner, Shannon Hess, Michelle Sweetser, April Anderson-Zorn, Kate Dietrich, Mary Ellen Ducey, Marcella Huggard, Cara Bertram, Sasha Griffin on phone, Laurinda Weisse, [Emily DuGranrut](#), Casey Blackmore, Melody Hauf, Carrie Schwier, Greg Bailey, Shea Rafferty, Amy Lisinski, Aiden Bettine

8:15-10:15 Officer & Task Force Reports President (Thomas)

Meeting called to order at 8:15 by Anne Thomason standing in for Jennie Thomas.

Council discussed whether MAC committees needed or wanted dedicated emails, similar to the recently set up officer emails. Reasons cited for this include continuity between terms and easier access to past email.

VOTE: Council approved creating emails for all committees including but not limited to the Education Committee, Membership Committee, LAC, and PC.

Sweetser and Anderson-Zorn will follow up AMC to create these emails.

Thomason encouraged Council to think about Nominating Committee Co-Chair candidates and to send ideas to incoming President Sweetser.

Vice President Report(Gartner)

2025 Spring Annual Meeting LAC (Bettine and Dietrick)

- 344 registrants
- Recommendation for campus hosting or something else–potentially create a task force?
- For this year's Reception there is a renew and recharge room for people needing or wanting a break from the reception!
- Overages from the hotel close to \$17,000. Treasurer Ducey thanks the LAC for timely sharing of budget information.

2025 Spring Annual Meeting PC (Lisinski and Rafferty)

- Lots of submissions including many posters
- Excited about plenary
- SCHED–Are people using it?
181 using it–about average. Others are probably using it without logging in.

2025 Fall Symposium, St. Louis, MO (Moorman and Hess)

ACTION: Approve dates, October 24-25, 2025

VOTE: MAC Council approved the dates of October 24-25, 2025 for the 2025 Fall Symposium

ACTION: Approve draft budget

VOTE: MAC Council approved the budget for the 2025 Fall Symposium.

2026 Spring Annual Meeting, Joint with Society of Ohio Archivists (Chute and McEldowney)

LAC for next spring

VOTE: MAC Council approved the dates of May 14-16, 2026 for the Annual Meeting

VOTE: MAC Council approved Tricia McEldowney as Co-Chair of the LAC.

PIO De Granut will let MAC Members in Ohio know about the meeting.

Participants can sign for a single day for SOA or pay for the full MAC/SOA meeting.

VP report:

- Tax exempt status for AV should be looked at in the future–start early to try to figure this out.
- Need a new VP Manual
- See a hotel projected budget before signing a contract.
- Communication–right times, right places, right people
- Need proposals for Fall 2026 symposium

Council discussed the possibility of making the VP/secretary/president roles ex officio for the year after someone leaves office to help answer questions and provide continuity. Outgoing officers often do this anyway

Note that many attendees got up to get coffee as the hotel staff came to remove it at 9:00 am.

Treasurer Report (Ducey)

Key point: cannot go into reserves again to help pay for a conference.

Financial Advisory Committee: need people who know investments. Past treasurers would be a good core for this committee, which has never met

ACTION: Approval of Treasurer report

VOTE: MAC Council approved the Treasurer Report for 2025.

Secretary report

Google Drive for non profits is a possible idea to look into.

Council agreed to BREAK until 10:10.

Reimagining MAC Task Force

Conferences Subcommittee (Herzinger and Hiltunen)

Membership Subcommittee (Kim)

DISCUSSION: Looking forward

Sasha Griffin summarized the new tiers to be voted on at the annual meeting

Future: institutional rates need to be considered

Look at institutional membership, individual memberships, how do we understand who isn't a MAC member, and Bertram/Griffin are doing research into these issues.

Education Committee has a list of library schools and public history schools

Press the piece of how we think about geography both ischools/virtual education

Regional group with national value

Next steps: continue as a subgroup—under the new MAC leadership

Council discussed the drastic reduction in institutional memberships and the possibility of having a 2027 virtual conference.

Vendor Coordinator (Blackmore)

- Blackmore and Hauf summarized the report

- New manual coming
- Unstaffed tables–no

Education Committee (Brouwer and Pieczko)

Brandon Pieczko will stay on as Co-Chair and Scott Brouwer will stay on for a term as a committee member. MAC Council will vote on a new Co-Chair soon .

Brouwer and Pieczko will present on MACinars at the Business Meeting.

Membership Committee (Bailey)

ACTION: Approve outgoing chair position for up to one year

VOTE: MAC Council approved the outgoing Membership Committee chair will serve as Immediate Past Chair for one year.

ACTION: Approve Anu Kasarabada as new Membership chair for 2025-2027

VOTE: MAC Council approved Anu Kasarabada as new Membership Chair for 2025-2027.

Ethics & Inclusion Committee (Holt-Werle)

DISCUSSION: Due to the confidential nature of Code of Conduct violation reporting, who beyond those on the committee should be made aware of the outcome, in order to ensure accountability for EIC's decision? Should this be the president or another member of Council?

Council decided the President should be the first in the reporting line, and if the president is involved, it would be the VP, and so on down the line .

What does the process look like? Sweetser will follow up with Holt-Werle to continue this discussion .

Nominating Committee (Gorzalski)

There was no discussion of the report.

Public Information Officer (DuGranrut)

DuGranrut encouraged Council to use the PIO position more!

Development Coordinator (Jung)

DISCUSSION: How does MAC raise funds for scholarships and awards?

The Greene Award, as example, is fully funded.

Sweetser and the next Council will look over the scholarship and award funds to see if we need to raise more funds.

DISCUSSION: How can MAC work with corporate archivists to encourage their organizations to sponsor MAC efforts?

Council wondered if we have a list of MAC corporate archivists?

Volunteer Coordinator (Dietrick)

There was no discussion of the report.

Webmaster (Engel)

There was no discussion of the report.

Archival Issues (Harmeyer)

There was no discussion of the report.

MAC Newsletter (Street)

Council noted the idea for a backup graphic designer, and are not sure how to implement that.

Bowen Scholarship (Macintosh-Hodgetts)

DISCUSSION: 2025 Award disbursement

Council discussed if awards could go straight to the individual winning the prize and decided this was OK. Often, it is challenging to get payment to the institution.

The manual needs to be updated.

DISCUSSION: Revision of essay prompt

As a follow up, Sweetser will ask Macintosh-Hodgetts if the essays are vague. Council discussed other possibilities but decided more information was needed before making a change.

Motley Scholarship (Young)

There was no discussion of the report.

Greene Award (Rademaker)

There was no discussion of the report.

Presidents' Award / Distinguished Service Award (McCartney)

There was no discussion of the report.

Old / New Business

Sweetser will reach out to everyone as noted in the minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.