



**Minutes of the Annual Members' Meeting
Midwest Archives Conference
Friday, May 15th, 2026**

**Vote for approval these minutes will be held at the 2027 MAC Annual Members Meeting*

President Michelle Sweetser called the annual members' meeting of the Midwest Archives Conference to order at 3:33 pm local time on Friday, May 15th, 2026, in The Ohio State University Union Theatre in Columbus, Ohio.

A quorum was present.

The minutes of April 11th, 2025, annual members' meeting were approved with no changes.

Sweetser gave the MAC Annual Financial Report on behalf of Treasurer Mary Ellen Doucey. The report included a description of current accounting practices, including the division of funds between two accounts (Bank of America and investment accounts). With changes in how funds are collected, dispersed, and recent changes in annual meeting practices (e.g., moving away from the conference hotel model), a review of reporting practices is needed. Sweetser reported that the MAC Council approved a Financial Task Force, which will review budgetary practices, allocations, and expenditures, as well as reporting tools.

Vice President's Report

Rosalie Gartner thanked the 2026 Annual Meeting Local Area Committee and the Program Committee for their hard work this year and for shepherding a successful meeting. Gartner also thanked the Education Committee, Development Committee, Vendor Coordinator, MAC Pals, Public Information Officer, Webmaster, AMC Source liaisons, and the Society of Ohio Archivists. Registration beat last year's numbers, though securing hotel blocks was a struggle. An unexpected music festival took up most of the rooms. Hosting on campus financially benefited MAC, as costs were well below last year's.

Gartner invited Alexis Braun Marks to the stage to discuss the Fall Symposium, to be held in Ypsilanti, MI. Braun Marks spoke about the Symposium's focus on oral history training and that thirty spaces are available.

Gartner reported that the 2027 MAC Annual Members' Meeting will take place in Omaha, Nebraska. It's been a decade since MAC was last in Omaha. Gartner made a call for co-chairs and volunteers for the meeting.

Membership Committee Report

Anu Kasarabada reported a total of 651 members, up 5% from last year's 590 members. In all six categories of membership, only two are down in numbers. Individual membership fell (504 to 442). However, the two new categories approved at last year's members' meeting included 70 1st-time individual members and 15 sustaining members. The Membership Committee will continue to watch these numbers, including the new categories, to see how they evolve.

MAC Pals reported 15 mentors and 36 mentees. Kasarabada encouraged members to please join MAC Pals at the annual meetings.

Presentation of MAC Awards

On behalf of the MAC Emeritus Award Committee, Kasarabada presented the award to Gregory T. Kinney.

On behalf of the Mark A. Greene Award for First Time Attendees Committee, Colleen McFarland Rademaker presented the awards to Chanelle Davis and Zoey Thomas.

On behalf of the Archie Motley Memorial Scholarship Committee, Rebecca Fitzsimmons presented the award to Mina Guan and V Starks. Fitzsimmons also noted the difficult choice before the committee this year, as they had more than twice as many applications as the previous year.

On behalf of the Louisa Bowen Memorial Graduate Scholarship Committee, Morgan MacIntosh Hodgetts presented the award to William Neumaier.

On behalf of the Program Committee, Haeley Jackson presented the Graduate Student Poster award to Joanna Ruis Legarda and the Professional Poster award to Crystal Johnson.

State of MAC

Sweetser began by thanking everyone who has volunteered for MAC service work and for those who have served/serves on Council. Sweetser gave a specific note of thanks to Gartner for her service as Vice President and for her work in bringing the annual meetings and fall symposia to fruition. Sweetser also noted recent MACinar updates; the evolving newsletter columns; upcoming articles in *Archival Issues*; and the ongoing work in Council, including moving to a new quarterly meeting structure and approving the Financial Task

Force (and inviting a member of MAC to join). Sweetser expressed joy standing in a room full of our professional workers and thanked everyone for their work in the field. The profession has experienced challenges over the last year, including politics, Artificial Intelligence, upcoming America 250 celebrations, financial issues, and burnout. Notes that we are forced to wear multiple hats. However, MAC exists to support a professional community, and we are not alone. Sweetser encouraged members to participate in MAC activities and thanked all members for their hard work.

Recognition of Outgoing Council Members and Newly Elected Officers and Council Members

Sweetser thanked outgoing Vice President Rosalie Gartner, outgoing Treasurer Mary Ellen Doucey, and outgoing Council members Cara Bertram and Marcella Huggard for their hard work over the last two years. Sweetser welcomed incoming Vice President Kyna Herzinger, incoming Treasurer Brandon Pieczko, and incoming Council members Derek Webb and Andrea Salazar McMillan.

Old/New Business

There was no old or new business to discuss.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm local time.

Respectfully submitted by
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Secretary

Minutes pending approval at the 2027 members meeting.