



## **AGENDA: 2023 Annual Business Meeting**

### **Midwest Registrars Committee**

AMM Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN

July 27, 2023

#### **I. Call to Order, Welcome & Thank You**

*Sarah Humes, Chair*

- A. Masterpiece International - Lunch & Business Meeting Sponsor
- B. A2 Art Storage & Services, Dietl International, & Guardian Fine Art Services - Travel Stipends & MRC State Event Support

#### **II. New Business**

- A. Dissolution of CSAAM
- B. Voting of Bylaws Revision

*Sebastián Encina, Nominations Chair*  
*Sarah Humes, Chair*

#### **III. Vice Chair Report**

*Leslie Ory Lewellen, Vice Chair*

- A. Travel Stipends
- B. State Reps (IL, IN, MI, MO)

#### **IV. Membership Report**

*Submitted by Brittany Williams, Secretary*

#### **V. Treasurer's Report**

*Christy Kincaid, Treasurer*

- A. Overall Budget
- B. State Event Support

#### **VI. Giveaway & Adjournment**

**2023 MRC Chair Report** - Submitted by Sarah Humes, MRC Chair, Associate Registrar, Grand Rapids Public Museum

We are grateful to have the continued support of many sponsors who provide travel stipend sponsorships, annual lunch & business meeting support, and other state-event support for the Midwest Registrars Committee. These organizations are paramount to the success and growth of the MRC.

This year's sponsors are A2 Art Storage & Services, Dietl International, Masterpiece International, and Guardian Fine Art Services.

The professional network structure of the American Alliance of Museums has been dismantled as of the end of the AAM Annual Meeting on May 22, 2023. This includes Collections Stewardship-AAM. As part of their 2022-2025 Strategic Plan, AAM is implementing changes to the structure of its volunteer program, and how it will engage with its members moving forward. These changes include the end of the professional networks leadership and volunteer positions as they currently exist.

According to the AAM website, changing the volunteer structure is meant to remove many of the existing barriers to participation, engage many more, and more diverse, voices, and center people in AAM's volunteer programs. This echoes the efforts to center equity and inclusion in volunteer programs we're seeing across the museum field. For more information on how these changes will impact collections stewardship professionals and future volunteer opportunities with AAM, please see [AAM's Q&A page](#). The MRC's current bylaws state that we are affiliated with CS-AAM and that the MRC chair serves as the region's representative to the Board of CS-AAM. During this year's business meeting (July 27) we will be voting on a revision of the MRC's by-laws to remove the affiliation with CS-AAM.

Elections for the MRC will take place in the spring of 2024. I encourage all of you to nominate a colleague or self-nominate for any of the elected positions (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary/Membership, and Treasurer).

The next edition of *The Courier*, the MRC's newsletter, will be coming out this fall. Please keep an eye out for the call for submissions around September 8th. Submissions are due on October 13th. *The Courier* is published twice a year, in the spring and fall.

**2023 MRC Vice-Chair Report** – Submitted by Leslie Ory Lewellen, MRC Vice Chair and Registrar for Collections, Minneapolis Institute of Art

Thanks to the generous support of Dietl International, Guardian Fine Art Services, and A2 Fine Art Storage + Services, the Midwest Registrars Committee had \$2,625 available to award as travel stipends to the 2023 AMM/AIM conference. We awarded one partial stipend to Marla Roddy, Assistant Registrar for Exhibitions, at the Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields. Congratulations to Marla!

As the MRC has additional funds available, we will be awarding two stipends after the 2023 conference for attendees who are interested in applying to help retroactively cover conference-related costs. To apply, send the application form (I will have hard copies at the conference, or you can email me at [lory@artsmia.org](mailto:lory@artsmia.org) to send you a digital version); your resume or CV; and a brief statement about your professional duties and involvement in the profession. You DO NOT have to submit a letter of recommendation. You WILL be expected to write a very brief review of one of the conference sessions you attended, which will be published in "The Courier." If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out.

All MRC members are highly encouraged to apply for conference stipend awards next year! We had such a low number of applicants this year, and I'm hoping that next year, we'll see more applications!

Many thanks to our travel stipend sponsors for their generosity.

Thanks also to the state representatives. I'm looking forward to working with you all on member recruitment and retention and getting back to offering some state programming.

It has been my pleasure to serve on the MRC Board with Sarah, Brittany, and Christy this year. I am looking forward to serving the last year of my term as your MRC Vice-Chair.

**2023 MRC Membership Report** - Submitted by Brittany Williams, MRC Secretary and Membership & Membership Assistant, Mackinac State Historic Parks

As of 6-30-2023: 60 members

2022 Total Members: 61 members

2021 Total Members: 67 members

2020 Total Members: 88 members

**MEMBERSHIP AS OF 6-30 BY STATE**

STATE	2023 members as of 6-30-23	2022 members as of 6-30-22
IOWA	4	4
ILLINOIS	9	7
INDIANA	11	9
MICHIGAN	18	17
MINNESOTA	8	5
MISSOURI	1	2
OHIO	1	2
WISCONSIN	8	5
TOTALS	60	51

**MEMBERSHIP BY YEAR BY STATE - YEAR OVERALL**

STATE	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
IOWA	3	7	7	8	11	9
ILLINOIS	7	8	10	20	18	16
INDIANA	10	11	10	13	14	10
MICHIGAN	16	18	25	39	29	21
MINNESOTA	5	12	15	24	18	21
MISSOURI	3	2	2	4	5	7
OHIO	3	2	5	8	12	11
WISCONSIN	14	7	14	17	20	19
TOTALS	61	67	88	134	127	114

**2023 MRC Treasurer Report** - Submitted by Christy Kincaid, MRC Treasurer & Registrar, Kalamazoo Valley Museum

Balance Beginning January 2023		\$7,948.44
<b>INCOME</b>		
	Membership Dues	\$608.21
	Donations w/ Membership	
	Sponsorship - Travel Stipend	\$2,250.00
	Sponsorship - Other	
	Other	\$2.48
	<i>Total Income</i>	<i>\$10,809.13</i>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
	Annual Conference Travel Stipends	
	Annual Conference Expenses	(\$138.21)
	MRC Chair Expenses	
	State Event Support	
	Administrative Costs	(\$67.00)
	<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>(\$205.21)</i>
Ending Balance as of 7/21/2023		\$10,603.92
Funds held at Lake Michigan Credit Union, Grand Rapids, Michigan		

We are excited to see membership numbers go up this year. We have grants of up to \$500 that can be requested to support state-level workshops and networking events. These funds have not been utilized since 2019. Michigan is currently planning a workshop for spring 2024. We still have a couple of outstanding checks that need to be deposited into our bank account and two checks that need to be deducted from our account. Overall, we are doing pretty well and are financially stable.

We rolled out a new sponsorship program this year, which will help provide more funding for workshops. If you are interested in sponsoring or hosting, please email me at [christy.m.kincaid@gmail.com](mailto:christy.m.kincaid@gmail.com).