



## 2023 Annual Business Meeting Minutes

### Midwest Registrars Committee

AMM Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN

July 27, 2023

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

*Sarah Humes, Chair*

- A. Special thank you to Masterpiece International for sponsoring the lunch.
- B. Thank you to A2 Art Storage & Services, Dietl International, and Guardian Fine Art Service who donated money for the travel stipends and MRC state events.

#### II. New Business

##### A. New business: *Sarah Humes*

- 1. MRC is looking into becoming a registered 501(c)(3) organization. Lawyers will be consulted to discuss this possibility.
- 2. Point-of-sale upgrade has been made on the MRC website for collecting membership payments.
- 3. 2023 is not an election year for board positions. Elections for new board members will be held in the spring of 2024. Any member can run; you can nominate yourself or someone else. The call for candidates will be coming in the spring.
- 4. A reminder that our newsletter, "The Courier," is published twice a year. The next issue will come out in the fall; call for submissions will be around October. Share any projects or news about your institutions; pictures are appreciated.

##### B. Dissolution of CSAAM: *Sebastián Encina, MRC Nominations Chair, and Anne Young, last Chair of the now-dissolved AAM Collections Stewardship Committee*

- 1. All AAM professional committees have been dissolved as of the end of June 2023, including the Collections Stewardship Committee (CSAAM). AAM indicates that this is to improve volunteer opportunities by increasing diversity. While the CSAAM had a healthy rotating slate of different people serving as board members and volunteers, other AAM professional committees, according to AAM, had the same people continuously in leadership roles and were not being inclusive. These committees were not as active, inclusive, and diverse as CSAAM. AAM is also interested in providing volunteer projects for members that require a smaller time commitment. These were some of the reasons why AAM is rebranding and changing their member volunteering and networking models. Museum Junction, AAM's online community, is being relaunched, without the CSAAM listerv. One of the concerns going forward is that the professional committees were able to bring specific concerns to the attention of AAM, so collections professionals' voices might not be heard. The regional registrars' and collections managers' professional committees are beginning to start conversations together and have evolving relationships going forward, as the local groups have been essentially disconnected in the past. Sebastian reminded everyone that there is always a strong community of collections people out there, no matter what region you live in.

##### C. Voting of Bylaws Revision: *Sarah Humes*

- 1. MRC's bylaws associated the organization with the CSAAM. With the dissolution of the CSAAM, the MRC bylaws will be revised to delete this association. A  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority was

required to pass the revision. Approval of the vote was moved and seconded. The members in attendance unanimously approved revision of the bylaws.

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

*Leslie Ory Lewellen, Vice Chair*

- A. Congratulations to Marla Roddy from the Indianapolis Museum of Art, who was awarded a partial stipend to the conference. Marla will be writing about one of the conference sessions for "The Courier." We had more funds that were not awarded this year. Attendees to this year's conference can retroactively apply for a stipend. Everyone is encouraged to apply for a stipend for next year's conference.
- B. We are searching for State Reps for IL, IN, MI, and MO. Everyone is encouraged to consider taking on these volunteer roles. You can serve for as long or short a tenure as you like, and you can serve again if you've been in the role in the past. Time commitment is relatively small. State Reps are expected to help with recruiting and to try to organize a state or regional meet-up at least once a year. Meet-ups can be as simple as getting people together for a Happy Hour or lunch, or can be a workshop, round-table, tour, or presentation. MRC has funds for state meet-ups; contact Christy Kincaid, Treasurer, for more information. [Note that the IN State Rep position was filled during the conference.]

### **IV. Membership Report**

*Submitted by Brittany Williams, Secretary / Presented by Christy Kincaid*

- A. In 2022, MRC had 61 members at the end of the year. All members are encouraged to reach out to colleagues and ask them to become MRC members.

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

*Christy Kincaid, Treasurer*

- A. As of July 21, 2023, MRC has \$10,604.
- B. MRC has money for state events. We are working on an application form to streamline asking money for state events. We are rolling out a new sponsorship program that encourages different levels of sponsorship and includes regional sponsors for events.
- C. MRC is looking for a new Development Chair to work with Christy. Marisa Szpytman would like to step down from this volunteer position. The new person would need to start in the late winter or early spring. Contact Christy with any questions.

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

- A. A giveaway was held in the form of a drawing for all members in attendance with the prizes being three collections management books (*Managing Previously Unmanaged Collections*, *To Give and to Receive*, and *Basic Condition Reporting*). Winners were Nikita Werner, Jocelyn Krueger, and Maggie Gorski.
- B. Meeting Adjourned

