

Registrar's Committee Mountain Plains Museum Association (RC-MPMA)
Annual Report
RC Chair Alex Deselms
September 23, 2023
Corpus Christi, TX

Elected and Appointed Positions:

- Chair and Treasurer are up for re-election this year. Chair Alex Deselms has termed out and Treasurer Ashley Yager has stepped down. Thank you for your service! We have one candidate for Treasurer and three for Chair. Election results will be announced at Thursday morning meet-up.
- Still looking for a Development Chair to build scholarship support and outside of conference opportunities.
- Still looking for a Nominations Chair.
- Needing state representatives for Colorado and Wyoming. Wyoming Representative Dara Lohnes has moved to Alaska but is willing to stay on until a new Wyoming Representative has stepped forward.
- May be revising election protocols and adding professional development chair/coordinator

Business Meeting:

- Last year's guest speaker was Mark Davidson, Director of Archives and Exhibits / Curator of the Bob Dylan Archive from the Woody Guthrie Center / Bob Dylan Center. He discussed the creation of the Bob Dylan Center and the archives in particular, which provided a deeper appreciation when we were able to visit the Bob Dylan Center the last night of the conference.
 - We did a hybrid meeting so that members not able to attend in-person may still attend the business meeting on Zoom. Our treasurer's plans to present via Zoom did not work out but she was glad to be able to attend.
 - We hope to be able to do this again in Corpus this year.
- Due to the changing schedule, we are not having a guest speaker this year; we will be networking and discussing the dissolution of AAM's PNs and the future of our SPC.
- Inspired by ARCS Giveaway, for new/renewing memberships paid by March 31, 2023, we had a drawing for a copy of the new Museum Registration Methods 6th Edition. The winner (for the second time) was Susan Curtis from the Emily Reynolds Historic Costume Collection. We have added a few drawings to be given at the meet-up.

Membership Report:

- During the 2022 calendar year, we reported 57 paid members. Of those 57 members, 8 were new members and 49 were renewing members. As of Sept. 22, 2023, we have 34 paid members. Out of the 34 members, 31 are renewing members and 3 are new members. Membership dues paid past August 2023 will be considered current through December 2024.

- Payments continue to be easy with both PayPal and check options; the online payment platform may be changing as we look to integrate membership options and financials back with MPMA.

Scholarship:

- RC-ANR: To Be Announced
- RC-MPMA / UOVO: To Be Announced

Behind-the-Scenes:

- Last year's Behind-the-Scenes was at the Philbrook Museum of Art (\$10 for RC and another \$10 to the Philbrook for its BTS fee) for 10 attendees.
- This year's Behind-the-Scenes will be at the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History on the first evening. Registration was limited to 20 people.
- Due to previous years' misunderstandings and to make things easier on both sides, RC-MPMA is looking to discontinue the \$10 BTS charge. We will continue sponsoring the BTS tours and promoting RC membership at these events.

Newsletter:

- The Pre-Conference Newsletter came out in late September, just before the conference.

Helping Hands:

- Last year, Helping Hands was at the Sand Springs Historical Society and was limited to 10 participants, with 6 partaking. The group sorted the historical society's photo collection: checking to see which photos had been numbered, removing duplicates, consolidating folders, removing items from the folders which were not photos. The group managed to get through most of the folders and get the photos into a good place and ready for the next steps in the process.
- This year will be at the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History, and the number of attendees is limited due to space.

CS-AAM:

- Alex Deselms has been attending the quarterly CS-AAM leadership Zoom meetings. Alex attended the CS-AAM leadership meeting and luncheon at AAM in May 2023 in Denver, where the CS and all other PNs of AAM were dissolved.

Treasurer's Report :

Treasurer - Coming Soon - Working on Transitioning Accounts and Onboarding a New Treasurer

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