

**Registrar's Committee Mountain Plains Museums Association (RC-MPMA)**  
**Report, January 31, 2020**  
Sioux Falls, SD

*Elected Positions:*

Following a call for nominations, the RC-MPMA membership elected Alexandra Deselms as Chair and re-elected Ashley Yager as Treasurer. Susie Fishman-Armstrong remains on the board as Ex-Officio Chair for one year.

*Appointed positions*

- Nominations Chair - Mattie Barlow, Gaylord-Pickens Museum, Home of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame
- Development Chair -

*State Representatives*

The RC-MPMA has also had significant progress made in filling State Representative positions who are proving effective at helping with membership drives and relaying RC information to state members. We are currently searching for State Representatives in Texas. We are also looking to fill the role of Development Chair in an effort to build scholarship support and outside of conference opportunities.

*Membership*

During the 2018 calendar year, we reported **69** current members. The RC-MPMA finished the 2019 calendar year with an increase to **72** members! Of those **72** members **26** were new members and **46** were renewing members. We are in the middle of membership renewals and as of January 30, 2020, **32** members have renewed or are new and the other renewal forms will be sent to members in February and March. The RC saw an increase in new members signing up thanks to the Behind the Scenes Tour. The number of new members gained from the Behind the Scenes tour was **12**. We had our first full year of offering online membership renewals which has been of great use and greatly improved the efficiency of renewals.

*Behind the Scenes Tour*

The tour took place at the opening party at the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History. David Hoover, Curator and Collections Manager, gave the tours, which hosted two groups of 10 people. The tour sold out again.

We continued last year's process of all members paying \$10 for the tour, applying payment to new and renewing memberships.

### Newsletter

The Fall 2019 (pre-conference) newsletter came out before the conference in September. The Spring 2019 (post-conference/spring) newsletter came out in May.

The Spring 2020 post-conference newsletter should be out by/in March.

### Scholarships

RC-MPMA ANR Transport Scholarship – Sarah Carlson, University of Denver Museum of Anthropology, CO

RC-Terry Dowd LCC Scholarship – Heidi Vaughn, Laboratory of History Museum, University of Central Oklahoma, OK

Because of low scholarship applications, we are revising our criteria for the Terry Dowd Scholarship to open it to any RC-MPMA member who has not had the scholarship in the last 5 years, and is not currently serving an *elected* board position (allowing appointed positions, like state reps, to still apply).

Treasurer - See next page

### Business Luncheon

This year the guest speaker of the luncheon was Jeff Teague, Tech Maintenance Lead for MeowWolf (Santa Fe, NM), who spoke about caring for works to be handled, storytelling and touchable art, and electronic creation, programming, and fabrication. The luncheon was well attended.

### Helping Hands

The Helping Hands Brigade assisted the Bioscience and Paleontology Collections Managers at the New Mexico Museum of History and Natural Science. Volunteers spent the day helping with inventory of specimens, over 400 specimens were inventoried. Items included spiders, lizards and toads. The volunteers were also given a behind the scenes tour of the planetarium. The majority of the volunteers had little to no experience with natural history collections. This was a win-win situation with volunteers learning new skills and a museum getting extra help for a day.

### CS-AAM

Libby Krecek represented the RC-MPMA at the national meeting of the Collections Stewardship-American Alliance of Museums (RC-AAM) in New Orleans, LA in May 2019.

**RC-MPMA Treasurer's Mid-Winter Report**  
**9/19/19 – 1/22/20**

**Checking Account:**

Date	Transaction Type	Description	Amount	Total
9/19/19	Beginning Balance			\$25.52
1/16/19	Deposit	Dues and Donations (transfer from PayPal)	65.49	\$91.01
1/22/2020	Ending Balance			\$91.01

**Savings Account:**

Date	Transaction Type	Description	Amount	Total
9/19/19	Beginning Balance			\$6,690.82
9/30/19	Dividend credit		\$.29	\$6,691.11
10/31/19	Dividend credit		\$.28	\$6,691.39
11/30/19	Dividend credit		\$.27	\$6,691.66
12/31/19	Dividend credit		\$.28	\$6,691.94
1/22/2020	Ending Balance			\$6,691.94

**RC-MPMA Combined Account Balances: \$6,782.95**

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**2019-2020 Proposed Budget**

**Income**

	Proposed
Dues and donations	\$800
Scholarship Funding (for 2020 MPMA meeting)	\$1,500
Dividend Credits	\$2.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,302.00</b>

**Expenses**

	Proposed
Midwinter MPMA Attendance for Chair	\$500
Scholarship Awards (for 2020 MPMA meeting)	\$1,500
Shipping	\$35
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,035.00</b>

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