



**Digital Commonwealth Board Meeting
Minutes
January 19, 2021
Approved by Board 2021.02.16**

10:05 am: meeting called to order by President Justin Snow.

Present (via Zoom): Danielle Sangalang, Hans Bergmann, Tegan Kehoe, Justin Snow, Eben English, Sonia Pacheco, Jodi Goodman, Rachel Jirka.

Absent: Tiffeni Fortno, Kate Boylan, Evan Knight, Anton Smith.

Guests (Committee Chairs): Jenn Belcher (Membership), Matt Amory and Andrew Begley (Outreach & Education).

The December minutes were **approved** as presented.

Conference Committee:

- Sonia Pacheco reported that the planning for the 2021 Conference (“The Politics of Collection,”) set for April 13th, continues successfully. One presenter has dropped out: the committee is working to fill the slot. Glynda Benham is to be specially thanked for her work getting through to sponsors. The Conference Program is now live on the website.

Membership Committee: Jenn Belcher reported that:

- Jonathan Manton will be doing a program on January 21 titled “Can I listen to that online? Expanding access to Oral History of American Music at Yale University Library”. Glynda has prepared event script and will be conducting program dry run with Jon and DC host, Paul Engle, prior to the event, as she has for other events that DC has hosted directly.
- Judge Peter Agnes will do two programs on the Sacco-Vanzetti Case. Glynda has confirmed dates with him: *Sacco-Vanzetti: The Case That Will Not Die* on 2/17/2021 and *Sacco-Vanzetti: The Impact on Art and Literature* 3/9/2021, 1-2pm,
- Feedback on the Sam Muir event was very positive.
- Committee is developing a program to raise awareness of Black Lives Matter.
- Committee thinks all new committee and board members should have DC orientation.
- Meetings with Outreach and Education will continue.

Outreach and Education Committee:

- Andrew Begley confirmed that the committee and the Membership Committee were continuing to work together to differentiate their missions. Committee is also finalizing drafts of primary source set pages for upload and thinking how to promote their use.
- The Provenance Event had good feedback.

Repository Committee:

- The Committee will next meet on February 11th.

The committee members not on the Board then left the meeting with the Board's thanks.

Financials Report: From Tegan Kehoe:

- The good news continues. Our total assets were \$138,284. We can cautiously continue to spend as though we will not see a financial hit this year. Our aging receivables have stabilized in the last month.

Membership report:

- Glynda Benham reports that there continues to be no decline in membership despite the pandemic. We have 218 Active members + 11 pending (total = 229) compared to 212 Active members + 11 pending (total = 223) this time a year ago.

Boston Public Library Update:

- Applications have come in from the Cary Memorial Library, the Storrs Library, Eastern Nazarene College, Stoneham Public Library, Hubbard Memorial and the Yiddish Book Library. There have been no site visits. Collections have been added to the Portal from: BPL, Norman B. Leventhal Map Center Collection (additions); and re-harvested from Historical New England (51,007 items).
- The DC site has been upgraded with major version updates of Ruby on Rails, Blacklight and Bootstrap, together adding better performance and accessibility, a new book reader interface, and a new layout for hosted collection pages. Ongoing development work continues.
- In partnership with DPLA as part of the grant-funded effort to increase access to historical content via Wikimedia Commons and Wikipedia, 11,765 images from BPL collections have been uploaded as a pilot project and are now freely available.
(https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Media_contributed_by_Digital_Commonwealth)
- MBLC voted to approve the FY22 Plan of Service and Budget for the Library for the Commonwealth program at their January 7th meeting.

Diversity, Equity, Access and Inclusion Survey

- The planned follow-up telephone interviews were discussed. One interview has been completed of the twelve planned. There is considerable difficulty in getting the interviews scheduled.

Values Statement Task Force

- The Board was to discuss this at length at this meeting but has postponed discussion because key Board members were absent. Justin Snow will send an e-mail asking Board members to offer comment on what the DC values should be.

Conflict Management Training.

- The Board agreed that this delayed training should be rescheduled and open for all DC committee members.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

Next Meeting: February 16, 2021. 10-12 am. (Zoom)

Hans Bergmann
Secretary