TMLA Business Meeting

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Thursday, February 1, 2018, 7:00 P.M. Hilton

Portland Downtown, Portland, Oregon Parlor B

Attending: Cari Alexander, Joel Auringer, Donna Arnold, John Brower, Mary Brower, Clayton Crenshaw (chair), Bruce Evans, Maristella Feustle, Bruce Hall, Ralph Hartsock, Rahni Kennedy, Stephanie Lewin-Lane, Josh Macias, Jayme Nelson, Sara Outhier, Pam Pagels, Felicia Piscitello, Alan Ringwood, Synae Yoon, Katie UNT

1. Call to Order: Clayton called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Approval of the Meeting Agenda: The meeting's agenda was unanimously approved.

3. Approval of Minutes from the Fall 2017 business meeting in New Orleans: The minutes were approved with corrections.

4. Chair's Report: Clayton reported that the program committee members for the Fall 2018 TMLA meeting are Rahni Kennedy, James Floyd and Joel Auringer; and local arrangements committee members are Pam Pagels, Mary Brower, and Ron Atienza from UT Dallas. We need one more member for the travel grant committee, and two more for the history committee. Best of Chapters elections resulted in a 3-way tie; a run off is planned during the next few weeks.

5. Website Editor's Report: Maristella reported that the migration of the TMLA website to the MLA website is almost done. Maristella plans on seeing migration through to the end, then stepping down as web editor.

6. Committee Reports
   a. Membership: Pam reported that the committee is working on ways to add value to the TMLA membership.

   b. Constitution & Bylaws: The revisions recommended by the Committee were reviewed and discussed, and members voted to change the first one. The final vote on the revisions, though, will be conducted online so that all members can participate and satisfy the 2/3 approval requirement.

7. New Business

   a. Set dates for Fall Meeting: the membership voted to hold the SMU fall meeting either October 11-12 or 18-19; Pam will follow up on the feasibility of both.

   b. Archiving of TMLA presentation content: Clayton suggested that we archive TMLA presentation handouts, powerpoints and other materials on the TMLA website. Stephanie Lewin-Lane asked whether we could use the MLA website to store such content. She suggested sending out a call after the conference for content, and offered

to help. Felicia Pisciatelli suggested sending a call for past content as well. Stephanie will investigate.

c. 2018 Travel Grants: the membership voted unanimously to award up to two grants for the fall meeting at $200 each. First time attendees or those in the first three years of their professional career will receive preference. The grant will include complimentary TMLA membership for one year.

d. Statement on the University of Texas Fine Arts Library: Alan Ringwood reported on the situation. This past year the dean cleared staff from one floor of library to make way high tech classrooms, offices etc., for the new design and creative technologies program. The dean wants more space that the fine arts library occupies. A task force studying options, their report is due in April. Whether the library will hire a new music librarian is not currently known. Mary reported that she had suggested to MLA Pres Mark McKnight that MLA should discuss possibly issuing a public statement about this. Mark brought the idea to the MLA Board and they intend to draft such a statement.

8. Member reports

9. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.