

MIDWEST PCA/ACA
Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, October 7, 2023
12:30pm – 2pm

- I. Call Meeting to Order - Meeting called to order by Julia Kuttler Largent at 12:32 pm.
- II. Land Recognition Statement - This was a new addition this year. It is on the website and is adapted from Depaul's Statement. We would like to be more intentional with this in the coming years. If you have ideas of how we could better implement this, contact Julia
- III. Reading and Approval of Agenda - CarrieLynn Reinhard motions, Sean Ahern seconds. Agenda approved by voice consent
- IV. Reading and Approval of 2022 Minutes - Caryn Neumann motions, Shanna Gilkeson seconds. Minutes passed by vocal consent (one abstention)
- V. Report of Conference Coordinators—Paul Booth
 1. Thank you all who have made this year possible - This has been a good first year for Paul as Conference Coordinator. Thank you to Julia...the ~~first second~~ third best president we've had
 1. Apologies for the Chicago Marathon - it's going to be a shit show tomorrow
 2. 2024 Location - We are staying in Chicago at DePaul (October 4-6); Rationale for DePaul is that we lost money during COVID. DePaul costs about 50% what a hotel would. We are using this three-year stretch to recover funds
 3. 2023 Conference Report
 1. Thank you all so much for your support - We've been hearing good things about the space and rooms. If you have any concerns, contact Paul. It's been a friendly, supportive conference, especially considering the outside stress. The increased security started three days before the conference started.
 2. Registration number this year - We have almost the same number of attendees this year as we did last year. Submissions and registrations are up, but we had a larger attrition rate this year (about 1/3 of those who submitted and were accepted). Encourage colleagues to attend in the future. On time memberships are amazing this year (97% of attendees registered on-time this year). We will be in the black this year and we are on track to make \$5500 (it costs \$34-35k to hold the conference at Depaul; at a hotel, the cost is nearly \$60k)
 1. Dee Goertz - What was the total registration number?
 1. 275 registrants; 2022 was 213 registrants
 2. Shanna Gilkeson - Was the attrition due to marathon related things?
 1. We did receive a few emails saying that hotel costs affected their ability to attend
 3. Daisy Ahlstone - In the instance of people who cannot afford the conference, is there a way to make a virtual panel possible (especially a presentation on access)?
 1. Julia - We will discuss this as an exec board tomorrow. Also, we have done this before. Since COVID, we have primarily been in person because hybrid is hard logistically. We are offering the

virtual mini-conference so that people can still present their work

4. Christopher Olson - Do you (Paul) have things in your office to be looted?

1. Paul - I have a very pixelated picture of David Tennant

3. Please remember we are all volunteers

- The Assembly applauded for Paul's report

III. Report of Executive Council—Julia Largent Kuttler, President

1. This year's conference at DePaul University

2. Next year's conference dates to be announced soon

3. Keynote or Featured Speaker ideas? - Keynotes are local organizations or museums; Feature Speakers are local academics. We do have an honorarium for each of those

1. Sean Ahern - Leather Archive. The leather Community

2. Darryl Clark - Independent record label - vital Blues Scene here

3. John Smith- Sherman Dilla Thomas - The TikTok Historian.

4. Darryl Clark -Dominic Pacyga - Chicago Historian

5. Scott Jordan- Scott Larson - Ghost Stories

6. Darryl Clark - Audrey Niffenegger - Author

7. Paul Peters - Erik Rebain - Leopold and Loeb

2. If you come up with other ideas, send suggestions to Julia

4. Updated Bylaws - We did a lot to update these as an executive board. Check the website for the bylaws

1. Key Changes

1. Removed Language about the Executive Secretary (previous holder of the position resigned; Julia and Paul split the duties and the description was placed in the president and conference coordinator positions)

2. He/she language removed - more gender inclusive They

3. For bank reasons - people's names were added to the bylaws

1. CarrieLynn Reinhard - Immediate Past President is still listed as Cortney Barko

4. Slate of nominees must be named by September 1

5. Voting for positions - we had one position open this year (at-large); Voting ends at 6 pm on October 7, 2023.

VI. 2024 Elections—Julia Largent Kuttler, President —---->

1. Nominations are due June 30, 2024: <http://bit.ly/MPCANoms24>

1. PCSJ Journal Editor, 3-year term (one open position)

2. Student/New Professional Representative, 2-year term (one open position) - Elected by the membership; runs the mentor-mentee program

3. Awards Coordinator, 3-year term (one open position) - Selected by the executive council. You do not have to serve on the committee - you are more organizing the committee

4. Representative-At-Large, 2-year term (two open positions) - Elected by the membership

VIII. Virtual Graduate Student Mini-Conference—Julia Largent Kuttler, President

1. Report on the conference - This is our answer to recognizing that not everyone can attend an in-person conference. This is separated out from the annual conference to avoid exhaustion
2. Save the date! Friday, Saturday, March 22-23, 2024 on Zoom
 1. Submissions open tomorrow, due January 31, 2024 - It is cheaper to make it more accessible. The most expensive is faculty (\$50)
 2. Keynote ideas? We do have a small honorarium. This could be a strong grad student or someone who could speak to graduate students and where they are.

IX. Area Chairs—Cory Barker, Vice President

1. Thank you area chairs! They are the lifeblood of our panels. Their duties are soliciting papers, organizing panels, and then attending
2. Areas in need of area chairs - Art History and Visual Culture, Class Studies, Gender Studies, Harry Potter Studies, Jewish Studies, Beer Studies, Celebrity and Stardom, Dystopia and Utopia
3. A signup sheet will be available and you can also contact Cory
4. Question
 1. Daisy Ahlstone- Can you give a two line description of what they do?
 1. Julia - they write the calls for papers, promote the area, build panels, support presenters, and attend the conference. It's a short burst of busyness (May-June)

X. Award Committees & Volunteering—Julia Largent Kuttler

1. Congrats to the winners
2. Please send us your books and papers - We have four different awards. Keep submitting
 1. Changing to digital books - in the past, you had to submit three-four physical books. It's been a hassle, so we are moving to digital reviews
 2. Questions
 1. Caryn Neumann - It's hard to get reviewers for books when they don't receive physical copies
 1. Julia - We will discuss this tomorrow during the executive committee
3. Please be a reviewer. An email will be sent out soon seeking reviewers.

X. Report of the Journal—CarrieLynn Reinhard

1. With the switch to the new website, not much has changed to the journal. We have easier access to submit articles. We are trying to be a part of the listing of the Directory of Open Access Journals. We submitted an application with the DOAJ last summer. It was rejected. We will submit again in the coming months. Past issues have been updated so that you can download individual articles. We are looking to see how we can build a search function for articles this coming summer. We published an issue in April. In the future, we will have set publication dates of April 15 and October 15. In this past issue, we started doing Video Essays. We have the space to host videos on the website and we

want to have the possibility of hosting conference presentations as a video essay. There will be a list of guidelines developed. In order to legitimize this, one of the journal's award winners is a new Video Essay. There is a new special issue coming out on October 15 focusing on constructed languages. Special issue is also coming out in April. We are looking for additional reviewers, so please consider being a part of the journal. If you have questions about submissions, reach out to CarrieLynn

1. Christopher Olson - We are in desperate need of reviews. Please volunteer to review texts if you are so inclined.

XI. Unfinished/Old Business

XII. New Business (matters initiated at this meeting based on reports and/or new information)

1. Shanna Gilkeson and Christopher Olson - We would like to coordinate Film Screenings at MPCA (themed Double Features)
 1. Julia - would this be a panel session or an evening thing
 1. Chris - We saw this as an evening thing
2. Darryl Clark - Live Performance and Dance Showcase

XIII. Announcements

1. Keynote Address: 5:45pm in this room! - Liz Mason from Quinby's bookstore
2. Pop Culture Pub Quiz: 7pm on 11th floor
3. Elections close today at 6pm.
4. Pictures! Send us your pictures! Make sure to obtain permissions from people
5. "Faithful" Documentary--Virtual Viewing through Oct 22 (watch on your own time); Talk-back on Wednesday, Oct 18 at 10am Central on Zoom--watch for an email within the next week or so
6. Watch for a post-conference survey
7. Sam Grant - I did the book review work with the journal last year. It was a great experience. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out

XIV. Adjourn - Shanna Gilkeson motioned, Sean Ahern seconded. Meeting adjourned by consent at 1:25 pm