

ALHHS/MeMA2020
Ann Arbor, Michigan (6-7 May 2020)

Coronavirus (COVID-19) and our annual meeting (#3)

Dear colleagues:

The governance committee and committee chairs held a Zoom call on Monday to discuss the annual meeting and other matters. I wanted to provide some quick updates for our membership. Please forgive the length of the email.

VOTE: Thank you to those who voted on our new name, slate of officers, and bylaws. If you haven't voted already, please take a few moments to do so. If you don't see your ballot, check your spam folder first, then contact Phoebe Evans Letocha at alhhs.treasurer@gmail.com

Website: Due to UCLA's closure, our webmaster Russell Johnson is unable to update the website. The listserv is still going strong, so please post any communications on there.

- On a side note, once we get a name settled through this vote, we'll enact the website task force's recommendations to transfer the website to a new platform. Stay tuned!

Watermark: The deadline for the Watermark will likely be extended into early April, to allow us time to capture the results of the vote. Steve Novak will provide updates on this.

Refunds for annual meeting registration: Phoebe Evans Letocha will send a separate email to those who registered for our conference. Paypal refunds have already been processed, and checks were never deposited and are now shredded.

- PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU CANCEL YOUR TRAVEL PLANS, if you haven't already. This is just a friendly reminder to get those hotel/airline/other reservations cancelled.

Program for Annual Meeting: We plan to hold the business meeting for our organization on May 7th via videoconference, likely in the early afternoon to accommodate time zones. We'll confirm the time soon, but please block May 7th from 12-3. **I promise our business meeting WILL NOT be that long!** Just a hold on the time block. **Also, we plan to announce our NEW NAME at the meeting**, with additional fanfare.

- For the content for the rest of the meeting, Rachel Ingold and our colleagues on the Program committee will be reaching out to presenters with additional questions concerning format. We recognize that things continue to change around COVID-19, and with family and work commitments, especially as many of us are working from home, we need to be flexible about how we present online content.

Awards: The Publication and Recognition committees received nominations and have finalized awards for this year. Polina Ilieva and Steve Greenberg will or have reached out to award recipients. We will recognize our award recipients during our online Business meeting in May, and work out with recipients whether we send the physical award in the mail, or present them at the 2021 meeting.

- We will not be awarding travel scholarships this year. We thank everyone who submitted an application, and encourage members to consider applying next year for the Madison, Wisconsin annual meeting.

Local Arrangements: We have cancelled our reservations across the board. Gabrielle Barr is working with some of our tour guides to see if there are digital collections or tours we can share with our members.

That's all for now. As always, please feel free to reach out to me or any member of our governance group or committee chairs (you can find the list on our website).

Please take care, stay sane and safe, and let me know if there's anything we can do to help. Share ideas on library/archives/museum work from home, tips you are using to balance life, whatever works via our listserv.

On behalf of the Steering Committee,

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