



Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 15, 2004, 3:30 p.m.

Rosenbach Museum & Library, 2008-2010 DeLancey Place, Philadelphia PA 19103

***In attendance:** Lorena Boylan, Academy of Natural Sciences; Martin Levitt, American Philosophical Society; Eric Pumroy, Bryn Mawr College; Edward T. Morman, College of Physicians; David Moltke-Hansen, The Historical Society of Pennsylvania; John McAskill, LaSalle University; Janet Evans, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society; Dan Elliott, Philadelphia Museum of Art; Margery Sly, Presbyterian Historical Society; Derick Dreher and Elizabeth Fuller, Rosenbach Museum & Library; Todd Wilmot, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary; Christopher Densmore, Swarthmore College; Timothy Murray, University of Delaware; Lynn Dorwaldt, Wagner Free Institute of Science; Gary Kulik, Winterthur Museum & Library. Also attending, Laura Blanchard, PACSCCL Staff (ex officio, nonvoting); Christa Williford, CLIR Fellow, Bryn Mawr College.*

***Not represented:** Athenaeum of Philadelphia; Chemical Heritage Foundation; City of Philadelphia Department of Records; Free Library of Philadelphia; Hagley Museum & Library; Haverford College; Library Company of Philadelphia; The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia; National Archives and Records Administration; Temple University; Villanova University.*

David Moltke-Hansen called the meeting to order and welcomed John McAskill, representing new member LaSalle University, and Christa Williford, a CLIR fellow at Bryn Mawr College..

The minutes of the June 9 meeting were approved as circulated.

Janet Evans presented the treasurer's report, which is incorporated herein by reference. Derick Dreher asked if new computer equipment had been purchased for central staff; Laura Blanchard explained that a new computer and printer had been purchased at the time the office relocated to The Historical Society of Pennsylvania in March.

Strategic plan. The draft plan circulated prior to the meeting was adopted upon motion duly made, seconded, unanimously carried with two modifications: including images in the vision for access to records; rewriting section on additional funding sources and endowment as something for the development committee to consider. Members in attendance expressed their thanks to committee chairs for their hard work, Michael Ryan for his suggestions on clarity, and David Moltke-Hansen for his leadership on the strategic planning process.

Funding Updates. David Moltke-Hansen led discussion on the following:

Consortial Survey Assessment. A draft was sent to Mellon on August 31 and program officers have responded with minor concerns and clarifications. David Moltke-Hansen announced Rachel Onuf's departure from HSP in mid-November, which will result in some budget changes to reflect her participation as a consultant. Haverford will serve as administrative agent and HSP will be the host institution. The final proposal is due October 1.

GIS. The Athenaeum will be the administrative agent for this planning grant. Mellon had some comments on the first draft, sent August 31. The final proposal is due October 1.

William Penn Foundation. This proposal addresses two parts of the PACSCL strategic plan: OPAC/Z39.50 and cultural records. PMA will be the administrative agent for both, but the Library Company will lead on OPAC/Z39.50 and HSP will host the cultural records project. There was considerable discussion on cultural records component, including what the concrete deliverables would be (catalog records, assessment report, finding aids). Eric Pumroy remarked that this initiative will serve as a pilot for consortial cataloging projects grouped around particular topics. It will also serve as a pilot for bringing in collections outside the PACSCL membership as part of the Greater Philadelphia Research Collections Network. Complete proposal is due at PMA on September 24, and at the William Penn Foundation October 1.

IMLS: A PACSCL delegation met with senior program officer Susan Malbin September 8. IMLS has brand-new criteria, and Malbin suggested areas that are the most generously funded or in which it has the most interest, including funding for "twenty-first century librarians." The Development committee will consider this issue at its next meeting.

NEH: There may be funding opportunities relating to the NEH "We the People" initiative. Eric Pumroy commented that the religion and philanthropy cluster from the access committee may be close to formulating a project that might be a possibility for NEH.

NEA: It was suggested that NEA be added to the list of potential funders because of the director's passionate interest in literature. It was suggested that he be invited to speak at a future PACSCL event.

Outreach

Modern Language Association: Laura Blanchard reported on Bob Kieft's considerable efforts to find opportunities for PACSCL and MLA to work together on MLA's December meeting in Philadelphia. Kieft has been successful in placing an item in MLA's program supplement; he is also doing a mailing to organizers of sessions relating to Philadelphia. Blanchard will circulate a call for information about PACSCL hours, programs during MLA week in order to construct a "PACSCL Welcomes MLA" page. It was agreed that it would be problematic to create and staff a booth for this event. The

board expressed its deep appreciation to Bob Kieft for his faithful attention to this project.

National History Day. Laura Blanchard reported that plans are going forward for this important event, and referred attendees to the material in the executive summary of their meeting packets. There are 29 institutional partners. She reminded attendees of two areas for potential PACSCL participation: member library open houses for student researchers; and lists of collection holdings that relate to sample questions on the 2005 theme.

Professional Development. Laura Blanchard reported that the Fall 2004 workshop has been postponed because the organizer has not returned from maternity leave. She will pursue the issue of further events with committee chair Terry Snyder in October.

Other events and queries. David Moltke-Hansen announced that there would be a Black History Day celebration April 20. Joe Certaine is chairing that effort. Chris Densmore asked about the book chosen for the 2005 One Book, One Philadelphia program. Laura Blanchard explained the Mayor's desire to keep the book a surprise prior to the announcement but said she would ask about the topic. Edward Morman gave a short report on plans for the Mutter Museum in the wake of Gretchen Worden's death. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried,

Whereas the Officers and Board of the Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collection Libraries have learned with great sorrow of the death of Mutter Museum Director Gretchen Worden on August 2, 2004; and

Whereas Gretchen Worden is remembered for her passionate commitment and distinguished contributions to the cultural life of Philadelphia, and particularly to the Mutter Museum of the College of Physicians, where she worked for more than twenty-five years, serving for most of that time as Curator or Director; and

Whereas Gretchen Worden fostered inter-institutional collaboration and encouraged cooperation between the museums and libraries of Philadelphia, and in doing so enhanced the Mutter Museum's status as a scholarly resource and as a vehicle for public education about both health and history; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Officers and Board of the Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collection Libraries that they celebrate the service of Gretchen Worden to Philadelphia's cultural community; and

Be it further resolved that the Officers and Board the Historical Society of Pennsylvania extend heartfelt condolences at this great loss to the family and close friends of Gretchen Worden; and

Be it further resolved that this resolution be noted in the minutes of the September 2004 meeting of the Board of the Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collection

Libraries, and that it be formally transmitted to the Chief Executive Officer of the College of Physicians for further distribution as he sees fit.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Wednesday, December 15 at 3:30 p.m. in Conversation Hall, City Hall. A holiday celebration will follow.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Blanchard for the Secretary