



**Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries**

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**SPRING MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Wednesday, March 15, 2006, 3:30 p.m.**

**University of Pennsylvania Library, Van Pelt-Dietrich Library Center  
Meyerson Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**A G E N D A**

Call to Order and Welcome to New Representatives (David Moltke-Hansen)

Minutes of December 14, 2005 Meeting (Robert Kieft)

Treasurer's Report (Laura Blanchard for Janet Evans)

Nominations and elections (Derick Dreher)

- Executive Committee Slate of Candidates
- New associate member application, the German Society of Pennsylvania

Report on collaborations with other consortia (Robert Kieft)

Brief reports on funded projects

- OPAC (Dan Elliott)
- GIS (Laura Blanchard and David Moltke-Hansen)
- Consortial Survey (Robert Kieft)

Brief reports on two upcoming events

- Collaboration (Eric Pumroy)
- Deaccessioning (Derick Dreher)

Member Library News (comments welcome)

Next Meeting: June 7, 2006, Delaware Art Museum

Adjourn

*Members are invited to view the exhibition on Benjamin Franklin and the Education of Youth in the Rosenwald Galleries, sixth floor, prior to or following the meeting*

Attachments: Minutes of December 2005 meeting, German Society of Pennsylvania membership application. The slate of Executive Committee candidates will be distributed at the meeting

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – DRAFT 1/3/06**  
**Wednesday, December 14, 2005 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia PA**

***In attendance:** Lorena Boylan, Academy of Natural Sciences; Richard Shrake, American Philosophical Society; Roger Moss, the Athenaeum of Philadelphia; Elsa Atson, Chemical Heritage Foundation; Joan Decker, City of Philadelphia; Edward Morman, College of Physicians of Philadelphia; Terry Snyder, Hagley Museum & Library; Diana Fransuzoff-Peterson, Haverford College; David Moltke-Hansen, The Historical Society of Pennsylvania; Karl Krueger, The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia; Leslie Simon, National Archives; Janet Evans, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society; Danial Elliott, Philadelphia Museum of Art; Margery Sly, Presbyterian Historical Society; Derick Dreher, Rosenbach Museum & Library; Cristopher Densmore, Swarthmore College; Thomas Whitehead, Temple University Library; James Mundy, Union League of Philadelphia; Tim Murray, University of Delaware; Michael Ryan, University of Pennsylvania; Bente Polites, Villanova University.*

***Not represented:** Bryn Mawr College, Free Library of Philadelphia, LaSalle University, Library Company of Philadelphia, Wagner Free Institute of Science, Winterhur Museum, Garden & Library*

David Moltke-Hansen called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**Minutes.** The minutes of the September 28, 2005 quarterly meeting were approved as circulated.

**Treasurer's Report.** Upon motions duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the 2006 dues increases were approved and the 2006 budget accepted. The dues levels for 2006 will be:

- \$1,200 -- Libraries with special collections budgets of \$350,000 or less
- \$1,400 – Libraries with special collections budgets of \$351,000 to \$700,000
- \$1,600 – Libraries with special collections budgets of more than \$700,000

Dues invoices will be mailed in March. Members whose budget categories have changed since March 2005 are encouraged to contact Laura Blanchard.

**New Members.** Upon motions duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the applications of the Delaware Art Museum for full membership and the State Library of Pennsylvania for associate membership were approved.

**Extension of Associate Membership Criteria.** The suggestion of an extension of the associate membership criteria to include library service organizations was discussed, and an alternative suggestion was proposed: to create an affiliate membership category, which might also embrace vendors at some time in the future. The issue was referred to the nominations and governance committee for consideration.

**Call for Nominations.** Edward Morman announced that two executive committee seats would fall vacant this year; his and that of treasurer Janet Evans. Members wishing to propose themselves or others for executive committee positions are encouraged to contact him or any member of the nominations and governance committee.

**Deaccessioning Event.** This topic, which sparked a lively discussion on the PACSCL-L listserv, will be the focus of an event, tentatively targeted for September 2006. Volunteers for the

planning committee for this event include Michael Ryan, Derick Dreher, Margery Sly and Dan Elliott.

**Digital Asset Management.** It was suggested that PACSCL should organize an event on this topic for its members, possibly for December 2006. Invitees to form a planning group will include Joan Decker, someone from the Hagley staff, Jenny Ambrose for the Library Company, Dan Elliott, and a member of the Athenaeum's regional digital imaging center. It was noted that digital asset management is also an important focus of two other regional library groups: PALCI and Palinet.

### **Member Activities:**

**Academy of Natural Sciences.** Lorena Boylan reported on progress on challenge grants for a fellowship and for endowed funding for an archivist. For Franklin-related activities, she described a whimsical look at the U.S. great seal as it would have been had the national bird been the turkey as preferred by Franklin.

**American Philosophical Society.** Richard Shrake reported on the relocation of the conservation department to Philosophical Hall as well as other changes affecting the location of library holdings or services. The Society's Franklin exhibit, opening in February, is *The Princess and the Patriot: Ekaterina Dashkova, Benjamin Franklin, and the Age of Enlightenment*.

**Athenaeum of Philadelphia.** Roger Moss reported that work on the OPAC migration was occupying considerable staff time. The Philadelphia Architects & Buildings Project is undergoing a server upgrade; all 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century Philadelphia Contributionship policies are now online; they are finishing a Crét project, culminating in an exhibition. He also described some forthcoming building modifications.

**Chemical Heritage Foundation.** Elsa Atson reported that the Foundation would be having a major conference on alchemy in the summer of 2006. PACSCL members thanked her again for her work in providing a venue for the GIS symposium in early December.

**City of Philadelphia.** Joan Decker is happy to have the Records Department partner with PACSCL and/or member institutions wherever possible. She reported on the "How Philly Works" series at the Atwater-Kent; this series showcased the City's GIS platform.

**College of Physicians.** Edward Morman announced digital editions of two 18c manuscripts, one at the College and one at the Schwenkfelder Library, which can be accessed at <http://contentdm.collphyphil.org/formularies/>

**Hagley Museum & Library.** Terry Snyder reported on the current exhibition, "Centuries of Progress: American World's Fairs, 1853 to 1982," which will travel to Europe, and associated book club, which meets at Barnes & Noble.

**Haverford College.** Diana Peterson announced the current exhibition, “Franklin & Friends,” an examination of some of Franklin’s Quaker connections.

**The Historical Society of Pennsylvania.** David Moltke-Hansen reported on HSP’s “Pennsylvanians Behaving Badly” symposium (November 2005), particularly a workshop on Philadelphia gangs that drew robust attendance from the current gang population. HSP currently also has loaned materials for seven Franklin exhibitions and has developed Franklin curriculum materials. As part of its ongoing strategic planning process, HSP will meet with civic leaders in February.

**The Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia.** Karl Krueger reported on two PHMC grant applications, one relating to John Reumann and one for an historical marker commemorating the campus as the site of William Allen’s “Mount Airy.”

**Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.** Janet Evans reported that her library’s book club met at the Rosenbach to view some Carroll treasures.

**Philadelphia Museum of Art.** Dan Elliott reported on two upcoming exhibitions: a Wyeth retrospective in March, and art in colonial South America (fall 2006). Work on the library’s move to the Perelman building continues and should be complete in fall 2006. The PACSCL OPAC project is starting to coalesce; Wagner’s records are loaded and work on the federated searching component should begin in February.

**Presbyterian Historical Society.** Margery Sly reported on the consolidation of the collections formerly held at Montreat, NC, in Philadelphia – 70,000 linear feet of books, 70,000 linear feet of books, and a collection of objects.

**Rosenbach.** Derick Dreher reported that the Rosenbach’s copy of the first Poor Richard’s Almanac is in the big Franklin show; Rosenbach is mounting an exhibition of almanacs.

**Temple University.** Thomas Whitehead reported that Temple is represented in the Franklin Tercentenary as a lender; the current exhibition is on artists’ books. He also spoke of space constraints at the Temple library, particularly in the face of the consolidation of other campuses and their library collections on the main campus.

**Union League of Philadelphia.** Jim Mundy reported that he continues to fight the “Battle of Philadelphia,” an effort for Philadelphia to gain mindshare and market share as an important Civil War destination and research center. The Union League continues to collect materials about the Union League and its founders. An electronic catalog should be available, initially for members, in March.

**University of Delaware.** Tim Murray reported that its Franklin and Friends exhibition has come down but “will live on -- on the web.”

**University of Pennsylvania.** Michael Ryan thanked the many PACSCL members for their loans of material for the forthcoming exhibition on Benjamin Franklin and

education, "Educating the Youth of Pennsylvania: Worlds of Learning in the Age of Franklin." The exhibition will open January 17, with a complementary website launching in March and a catalog in April. He also announced that they would soon be hiring a replacement for Greg Bear, manager of the Schoenberg Center for Electronic Text & Imaging, who has relocated to Carlisle, PA.

**Villanova.** Bente Polites announced the forthcoming exhibition on the collecting of traditional and popular songs in Ireland, which will open in March and which will have four related events.

**PACSCL.** Laura Blanchard referred members to her report, circulated prior to the meeting. Following the very successful GIS symposium in early December, she offered thanks for the many PACSCL member libraries whose leaders and staff made it possible: the City of Philadelphia and the Athanaeum for their leadership roles in the project; David Moltke-Hansen for a range of programmatic and logistical advice and support; V. Chapman-Smith for leading and coordinating the facilitators; Janet Evans and colleagues at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society for handling advance registration; and especially Elsa Atson and colleagues at the Chemical Heritage Foundation for providing such a splendid venue.

She also reminded members of National History Day, coming up April 5-6, 2006, National Constitution Center (Theme: "Taking a Stand in History"). A special need is for judges – members can encourage colleagues to volunteer. Volunteers should contact Kathryn Wilson, [kwilson@hsp.org](mailto:kwilson@hsp.org), 215-732-6200 ext. 217 .

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
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for the Secretary



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February 24, 2006

Mr. David Moltke-Hansen, President  
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Subject: Application for Membership

Dear Mr. Moltke-Hansen,

As a result of recent conversations with Ms. Laura Blanchard, Executive Director of PACSCL, the Joseph Horner Memorial Library of The German Society of Pennsylvania (GSP) hereby submits its application for Associate Membership with PACSCL.

The GSP, the oldest German organization in America, was founded in 1764. It is an I.R.C. Section 501(c)(3) charitable organization. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free 1-800-732-0999.

The Society is an historic and cultural organization offering many diverse programs, including concert performances, lectures, discussion groups, language instruction, and a variety of social activities for all ages – see our website at [www.germansociety.org](http://www.germansociety.org).

The Joseph Horner Memorial Library of the GSP is housed in an elegant 19<sup>th</sup> century historic landmark building on Spring Garden Street in Philadelphia. It is the largest private German library in the U.S. with over 70,000 volumes, the majority in the German language. The Library, founded in 1817, is a treasure house of documents and books, many unique and rare, relating to the first 225 years of German immigration and German American life and culture dating back to the founding of Germantown in 1683.

The Library contains the following special collections:

**Main Collection**, with books on subjects such as religion; German, European, and world history, including WWI; biographies; philosophy; philology; popular science; geographical and travel descriptions; art; music; literature and poetry as well as children's books. It is about equally divided between fiction and nonfiction works. Among its fiction is an invaluable trove of widely read 19<sup>th</sup> century female authors.

**German American Collection (Archives)**, started in 1867 by Oswald Seidensticker, Professor of German at the University of Pennsylvania, documents the history of Germans in America since the founding of Germantown in 1683 by Pastorius. Impressive holdings of books printed in

America in the German language during the period of 1740 (Saur) and 1830. The over 3,000 books, manuscripts, hundreds of pamphlets, bulletins, broadsides, periodicals, and German newspapers include histories of German cultural and singing societies, gymnastics and theater organizations, etc., as well as a unique collection of bylaws of organizations containing information of their cultural, financial, welfare and political activities. The entire records of the GSP are also included. There is much material documenting the history of Quakers, Mennonites, Moravians, Lutherans, and Schwenkfelders with special emphasis on Ephrata in Pennsylvania and its founder, Conrad Beissel.

The Carl Schurz Collection consists of books formerly belonging to the National Carl Schurz Association and donated to the GSP. The focus of these is on German America with some of the books in English.

In 1994, a project was started to re-catalog the holdings into the RLIN database. Much of the collection has been electronically dataloged, including all books in the Main Collection published through 1917. Approximately 75% of the German American Collection as well as a fraction of the Carl Schurz Collection has also been dataloged.

At present, the Library is not open to the public because of changes in administration of the GSP which began in June of 2005. The Library and Archives Committee has developed goals and plans to resume staffing and operating the facility by the fall of 2006. The catalog of the Library is accessible on our website [www.germansociety.org/library.html](http://www.germansociety.org/library.html). A preliminary 2006-07 budget was recently presented to the Executive Committee of the GSP containing funds for the Library's operation with a part-time librarian supported by volunteers. At this point, the budget is estimated to be under \$50,000 (including cost of utilities).

The Library Committee members and I will participate in and contribute to the programs of PACSCL.

Thank you for your consideration of our application to PACSCL.

Sincerely,

Frank H. Genieser  
V.P. of Culture & Heritage

cc: Hardy von Auenmueller, President, The German Society of Pennsylvania



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**INTERIM TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**March 15, 2006**

Janet Evans, our outgoing treasurer, is unable to join us today so I am presenting this brief report on her behalf.

PACSCL continues to enjoy good financial health. Our most recent statement balances are shown below:

Checking account, February 28, 2005	\$ 29,003.30
Vanguard money market account, December 31, 2005	\$ 20,705.84
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 49,709.14</b>

Dues invoices will be mailed next month and are payable by July 1, 2006. I will prepare the invoices based on your dues tier for 2005; as always, if your library's status has changed, please contact me and I will issue a revised invoice. The 2005 books are with the accountant and I will circulate his report when it arrives.

Because PACSCL is growing, I am suggesting that the incoming and outgoing treasurers meet with me to discuss the possibility of outsourcing more of the PACSCL bookkeeping functions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Blanchard  
for the Treasurer



Memorandum

From: Derick Dreher, Rosenbach Museum & Library

TO: PACSCL Board of Trustees

RE: Executive Committee Nominations

DATE: March 15, 2006

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The Nominations and Governance Committee of PACSCL met on February 17, 2006 at the Rosenbach Museum & Library. Among the items discussed was the slate of nominees for the Executive Committee, which is to be voted on by the PACSCL board.

A number of names were put forth during said meeting, and after a series of follow-up conversations with both PACSCL leadership and the nominees themselves, the following candidates are proposed for election:

Officers:

David Moltke-Hansen, Chair  
Bob Kieft, Vice Chair  
Derick Dreher, Treasurer  
V.Chapman-Smith, Secretary

At-large:

Lynn Dorwaldt, Wagner  
Margery Sly, Presbyterian

Ex officio (committee chairs):

Access – Eric Pumroy (will step down but will assist in identifying replacement)  
Outreach – Joan Decker (no change)  
Professional Development – the committee suggests that we need a strong chair to re-start this committee  
Nominations/governance – Derick Dreher  
Development – with Michael Ryan leaving, this becomes an open position.