

## **New England Archivists Executive Board Meeting**

College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass.

March 23, 2013, 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

### **Call to Order**

Paige Roberts called the meeting to order and welcomed conference attendees to the annual business meeting.

### **Approval of 2010 Annual Business Meeting minutes**

The Annual Business Meeting minutes of March 24, 2012 were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Maria Bernier presented the NEA's financial report for FY 2012. She explained that NEA's budget has increased in the past few years through meeting income with a profit of \$15,182 during 2012.

### **Presentation of Hale Award Winner**

Ellen Doon announced the winner of the Hale Award for 2013. Graham Stinnett, curator of Human Rights Collections at the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center at the University of Connecticut. Graham will use the funds to attend the Digital Humanities Conference on Digital Testimonies of War and Trauma in the Netherlands. The project provides anonymous digital space for Chechen and Russians to preserve their narratives.

### **Vendors**

Jane Ward thanked all the vendors who were present at the meeting and encouraged the meeting attendees to visit and chat with them.

### **Outgoing Officers**

Paige recognized and thanked outgoing officers Nova Seals for her service to NEA as treasurer, vice-president, president, and immediate past president and Maria Bernier for her behind the scenes work as treasurer.

### **Announcement of Election Results**

Nova Seals reported the results of the election. Vice President and President Elect: Jill Snyder, Treasurer: Juliana Kuipers, and Representatives-at-Large: Erica C. Boudreau and Tessa Beers.

### **Distinguished Service Award**

Nova Seals presented the Distinguished Service Award to Gregor Trinkaus-Randall for his work and influence in regards to disaster planning and response in Massachusetts. Gregor accepted the award and after a short remark thanked the membership for his nomination.

### **Remarks from Incoming President**

Paige Roberts introduced Alyssa Pacy as the incoming president.

Alyssa Pacy welcomed the membership to NEA's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting. She expressed how honored she was to have been elected President of NEA at such a historic time and thanked those who helped make the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration a success.

Ms. Pacy began her remarks by talking about the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary two-day meeting as well as the new meeting format. Ms. Pacy then talked about another aspect of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting, the opportunity to increase public awareness of archival work by engaging with the community where NEA holds its meetings. At this year's meeting NEA partnered with several Worcester organizations including Lutheran Social Services of New England, the Worcester Historical Museum, the Worcester Cultural Development Office, the Worcester Women's Oral History Project, and with funding from Mass Humanities invited StoryCorps to collect the oral histories of Worcester vibrant and diverse immigrant community. The interviews included voices from Albania, Bhutan, Liberia, Cameroon, Iraq , Congo, and Kenya. Ms. Pacy went on to say that StoryCorp would be capturing our stories as archivists. Ms. Pacy hopes that NEA can continue to engage in exciting and meaningful ways with the community where meetings are held. She encouraged the membership to think about interesting ways to reach out to those communities and share our knowledge. Ms. Pacy then stated that 14 scholarships for the meeting had been given away.

She ended by expressing how thrilled she was to be serving as president of NEA this year and she invited everyone to contact her to share ideas and voice concerns. She thanked the membership for attending the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The Annual Business Meeting adjourned at 1:29 pm