Summary of the Minutes of the Midwest Archives Conference Annual Members' Meeting
Friday, April 29, 2011, 3:30–4:50 PM
Crown Plaza Saint Paul-Riverfront Hotel, Saint Paul, Minnesota

Reports from individual committees and ex officio Council are available upon request from Secretary Joshua Ranger.

The agenda was approved. The minutes of the April 23, 2010, Council meeting were approved.

Presentation of Awards: Please see the article on page 8 for information on the **Margaret Cross Norton** and **New Author Awards**, page 9 for the **Presidents' Award**, and page 10 for **Emeritus Membership Awards**.

Acknowledgements and Recognition: President Tanya Zanish-Belcher began her remarks by noting how important volunteerism is to the success of the organization. She thanked the members of Nominating Committee for their work in producing the slate for the 2011 election, welcomed incoming Council members Janet Olson and Kathy Koch and President Ellen Swain, and congratulated Joshua Ranger for his reelection as Secretary. She congratulated and announced the winners of the Bowen, Motley, and Emeritus scholarships.

Zanish-Belcher announced that Council had gladly voted to officially thank Aleda Downs for her long service as MAC's publications designer and layout specialist. Zanish-Belcher thanked Vice President Mark Shelstad, Secretary Joshua Ranger, and Treasurer Anke Voss, as well as all the Council members and committee chairs she worked with over her tenure as President. She then called up outgoing Council members Kim Butler and Sally Childs-Helton to receive certificates thanking them for their service. Kim Butler was present and gave brief remarks.

Financial Report for MAC: Treasurer Voss reported that MAC's finances were very healthy, noting that copies of both a cash statement and budget were available for members. She thanked former treasurer Craig Wright for his help in her transition. Voss reported that MemberClicks has proved to be a popular tool to register for meetings, renew membership, and to facilitate vendor fees and donations. She noted that there are costs associated with this but maintained that the investment is important for the added functionality and convenience for members. Finally, she announced that she is developing a RFP for an audit of MAC's finances, hoping to make an external audit a new tradition for MAC.

MAC Bylaws Amendment: Zanish-Belcher reiterated the announcement sent with the ballot this winter that the Archives Committee had recommended its own dissolution due to redundancy with the work conducted by the staff at UW–Milwaukee, home to MAC's archives. Council approved this dissolution in October 2010, but since the bylaws specifically require MAC to have an Archives Committee, an amendment was necessary.

Zanish-Belcher read the amendment: *To amend Article 5, Committees, Section 1, by striking out the words 'an archives committee.'*

If amended, the section will read: '1. The standing committees of the Conference shall consist of a nominating committee, a program committee, a membership committee, an emeritus membership committee, a local arrangements committee, the president's award committee, and such others as the council deems necessary. The membership of standing committees and the lengths of term they serve shall be determined in accordance with the most up-to-date guidelines for those committees which have been approved by council and placed on file with the secretary. The president shall be an ex officio member of all standing committees except the nominating committee."

Zanish-Belcher asked for discussion or questions. Upon hearing none, she called for a motion to adopt the amendment. The motion was made and seconded. The amendment passed without dissention.

"State of MAC" Address: President Tanya Zanish-Belcher presented her "State of MAC" address, by focusing on the four-part strategic plan Council developed last fall that will take MAC through 2015. Please see the president's letter on page 2 for a recap of her comments. In concluding her report and term as President, Zanish-Belcher thanked her officers and key volunteers for making her presidency a success.

Meetings: Vice President Shelstad provided a brief summary of upcoming meetings. He then asked Program Committee and Local Arrangement Committee members for the 2011 Annual Meeting to stand and be recognized.

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Shelstad reported that Council had approved a proposal from Cincinnati for a 2012 Symposium on the use of archives with K–12 audiences. He said that Indianapolis was approved as the location for the 2013 Annual Meeting and that Green Bay was being considered for the 2013 Symposium. Members will get a chance to chime in on the topic of this meeting through an electronic poll conducted this summer.

Shelstad discussed the RFP to employ a meeting services company, and how it replaces and expands on what we contract for now. He then presented a certificate of gratitude from MAC to Zanish-Belcher for her service and introduced Ann Kenne, cochair of the Local Arrangements Committee, who made announcements about the reception and presented prizes from vendors.

David McCartney presented a short video promoting the 2011 Symposium in Sioux City, Iowa, and Portia Vescio presented a video and remarks on Grand Rapids, Michigan, site of the 2012 Annual Meeting.

Closing Announcements: Zanish-Belcher passed her gavel to incoming president Ellen Swain. Swain gave some brief remarks extending her appreciation to Zanish-Belcher for her mentoring.

MAC Membership, 2005–2011

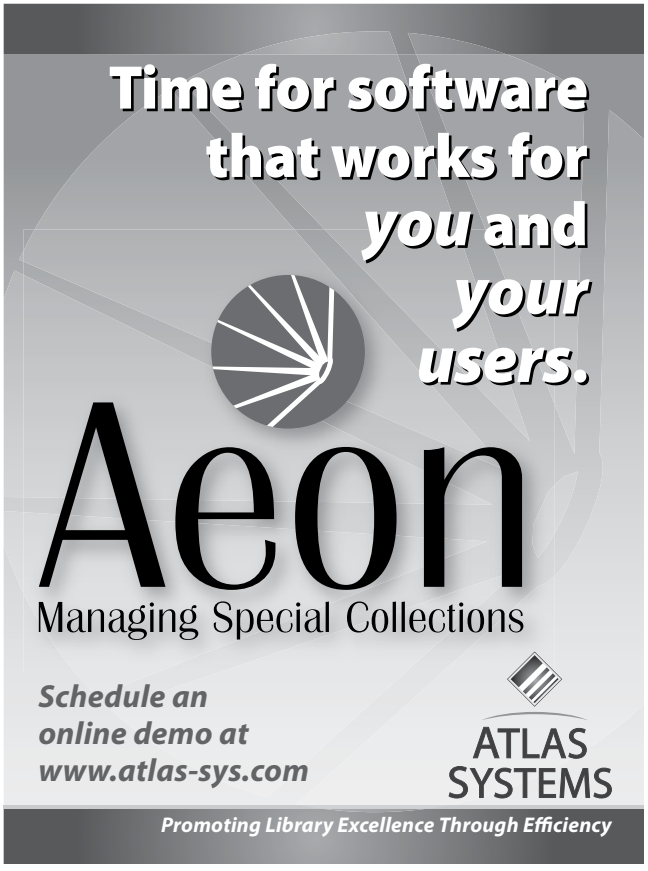
Membership Type	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Institutional	148	141	133	139	131	130	127
Individual*	781	771	749	726	683	719	760
TOTAL	929	912	882	865	814	849	887

*Includes emeritus and complimentary

Between-Meeting Council Actions

Council approved the following appointments and reappointments via E-mail:

- Cheri Thies, Minnesota Historical Society, as chair of the MAC Constitution and Bylaws Review Working Group.
- David McCartney, University of Iowa, as chair of the Membership Committee (second term).
- Karen Spilman, University of Minnesota, as cochair of the Education Committee.

Call for Nominations

Interested in serving MAC? The Nominating Committee is gathering names for next year's election slate for vice president, treasurer, one Council member, and two Nominating Committee members. If you know of persons you believe would be good candidates, please forward their names to Nominating Committee Chair Tanya Zanish-Belcher at tzanish@iastate.edu. Committee members are Rebecca Bizonet and Erik Moore.