

MINUTES OF JUNE MAC COUNCIL MEETING

The Council met at the Chicago Historical Society on June 11, 1973. Present were Mary Ann Bamberger, Frank Cook, Tom Elliott, Mary Lynn McCree, and Archie Motley. Those unable to attend were: Dennis East, Jackie Haring, Tom Krasean, and Dave Olson. Also in attendance were Nick Burckel, Mary Lynn Ritzenthaler, and Tom Wilsted of the Program Committee and Patrick Quinn of the Nominating Committee.

The Secretary-Treasurer opened the meeting with a financial report. She noted that the Conference's fiscal year runs from May 1st to April 30. Income for 1972-73 was \$1,035.24 and expenses for the year were \$805.18, leaving a balance of \$230.06. A detailed financial breakdown of income and expenses is available upon request. The Secretary-Treasurer also reported that MAC has been granted tax-exempt status by the IRS. An application for a reduced mailing rate, with supporting documentation, has been sent to the Chicago Post Office.

As of June 11 MAC had 125 members, including 82 renewals and 43 new members. Many people neglected to renew their memberships, hence Archie Motley and Mary Ann Bamberger sent a reminder notice to all who had not renewed. Unfortunately there has been minimal response to the letter. Mary Ann suggested that a printed renewal form be adopted for next year. Council concurred in this recommendation.

Frank Cook and Pat Quinn asked Council to consider distributing the SAA questionnaire on the status of women in the profession to the non-SAA members of MAC. Because of financial limitations, the SAA Committee on the Status of Women was able to send the questionnaire only to SAA members. The Committee therefore solicited the assistance of the regional organizations, asking them if they would be willing to send copies of the questionnaire to non-SAA members. Copies of the questionnaire were mailed to non-SAA MAC members during the week of June 11th.

A lively debate on the pros and cons of retaining the present four issue format for the newsletter ensued. Several Council members discussed the difficulty of gathering

together informative and interesting articles. Tom Elliott reported that fourteen members had volunteered to work on the newsletter. One of the opinions expressed in the membership questionnaire was that articles and/or editorials should not just be those of the president of the Conference and the editor of the newsletter. Guest editorials should be encouraged. Frank Cook mentioned that the focus of the October issue would be upon the September meeting and the SAA convention. Archie suggested that the January issue of the newsletter be dropped. This suggestion was rejected by Council. In order to reduce the cost of the newsletter Frank suggested that both sides of a page could now be utilized and that it should be mailed third class. Some Council members suggested that bordering the newsletter's pages, using wider margins with perhaps a column format, and adding some artwork would produce a better visual effect.

In other business, Council decided to publish a membership directory consisting of an alphabetical listing of names, institutions, titles, addresses and telephone numbers. Mary Ann and Archie will compile this directory.

While discussing the Fall program, Mary Lynn McCree cautioned against allocating money for speakers. She said that it was a dangerous precedent and would drain the treasury. It would also diminish the importance and significance of the Conference. The Council did decide to waive the registration fee for non-MAC member program participants. Additionally, the Council decided to pay for meals included in the registration package but not for transportation or lodging.

For reports of the Program and Nominating Committees and a report on the results of the membership questionnaire, see articles elsewhere in this newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Bamberger
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(Editor's note: These minutes were abridged and edited for space considerations. A record copy of the minutes is available upon request from the Secretary-Treasurer.)