Visual Materials Section

Meeting Agenda and Notes

January 31, 2020

2:00 - 2:40PM CT

Present: Mary Alice Harper, Patrick Cullom, Alison Anderson, Ashley Levine, Alan Regna, Sandra Varry

I. Leadership
   a. Jessica Tai replacement – has resigned
      i. Can be replaced by the chair as needed
      ii. May occur now or later depending on review of positions in Standing Rules
   b. Chair-elect
      i. Seek candidates: reach out to local groups to solicit candidates, also reach out to Design Records Section
   c. Additional/current positions
      i. Time to reconsider the positions. Specifically, duties of Members at Large, interns
      ii. Positions need to better reflect current needs and duties
      iii. Position descriptions need to be less vague, there is potential to redistribute tasks
      iv. Secretary/Archivist position (could be part of Member at Large duties)

II. Meetings – Frequency, who attends
   a. Every month from September through December, and no less than monthly from January until the Annual Meeting at the direction of the Chair
   b. Who attends: All executive committee. There can be ad hoc meetings at the direction of the chair for groups or subgroups to accomplish specific tasks
   c. Could be a virtual midwinter for all membership, but we will ask for agenda items, questions, and concerns for all meetings

III. VMCA Subcommittee
a. What are we doing?
b. What do we want to do moving forward?
   i. Ashley will discuss ideas with Mary Alice and report back next t
   ii. selection of the VMS membership to be interviewed by VMCA chair for the "Voices from
       VMCA" column in Views; Google hangouts

IV. VIEWS
a. VIEWS didn’t have the usual “In the Field” feature this past issue
   i. Need to revive - no takers on last call out

V. Three-Year Plan
a. Need to set specific goals and be sure they match up with SAA goals
   i. Education Committee has reached out to discuss Management of Photo Archives courses and
      potential future collaboration
      1. Teaching Curriculum that we participate and work together to teach and give feedback on
      2. Something the VM Section agrees on, shared possibilities, diverse perspectives

Ashley: I did a pilot for SAA (that wasn’t ultimately launched) called “Archivists to the Rescue” with Lone
Arrangers, and we had numerous archivists teach beginner community workshops that were vetted by the
whole group, that were taught by multiple people

VI. How are we doing, and what more could we do?
   a. Doing OK, need more social media and general engagement

Action Items:
- Review standing rules and positions, make recommendations
- Potential candidates for chair elect
- VMCAS subcommittee chair will work with chair on initiatives
- Potential interviewees for VIEWS “In the Field”
- Three year plan alignment
- Start thinking about program ideas for Annual Meeting in Chicago