

Society of Tennessee Archivists  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**June 27, 2014**

**Jean & Alexander Heard Library: Special Collections (Vanderbilt University)**

Attendees: David R. Sowell, Susan Knight Gore, Steven Cox, Kathy Smith, Andrea Fowler,  
Taffey Hall, Albert Whittenberg

President Sowell called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Bullet Points of the Meeting:

1. President's Report
  - a. Announcements, upcoming events
    1. June 28 Author's Roundtable @ TSLA
    2. October event with TSLA Friends (?).
2. Vice-President's Report
  - a. 2014 Annual Conference, Fogelman Center at University of Memphis, October 15-17, 2014.
3. Secretary's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Newsletter Editor's Report
6. SAC Representative's Report
  - a. 2014 SWAC/SAC Joint Conference in New Orleans, May 28-31, 2014- final report.
7. Webmaster's Report
8. Archivist's Report
9. Committee Chair Reports
10. Old Business
11. New Business
  - a. Tennessee Archives Month, Coordinator?
  - b. Thweatt Archival Advancement Award, Coordinator?
  - c. Next Executive Committee meeting?

President's Report

President Sowell began the meeting reminding everyone of Saturday's Author's Roundtable event at TSLA. Although Linda Barnickel had to cancel, President Sowell has already found a replacement. The meeting would be from 8 to noon with refreshments afterwards. It is hoped a mid-year event like this would continue.

President Sowell also displayed our new STA Banner which will also be used for the first time during the roundtable. All were very impressed with the design.

Virginia Watson approached President Sowell about a possible co-hosting of an event in October between STA and the TSLA Friends. She would also like Lori Lockhart to do a possible session on family heritage.

### Vice-President's Report

Vice-President Gore began her report detailing that she has gotten the Shelby County Archives to do a Wednesday night reception for the annual meeting (October 15<sup>th</sup>). This will include food, music and a tour. All other sessions will take place at the Fogelman Executive Conference Center and Hotel in Memphis.

Possible session ideas were then discussed for the meeting:

- Timothy Nutt of the University of Arkansas and one of the editors of *Arkansauce: The Journal of Arkansas Foodways*.
- Collections geared towards the deaf and/or blind such as the TN Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.
- Television News Archives that resides at Vanderbilt

Another suggestion was to have moderators for each session to help people get funding to attend.

### Secretary's Report

Secretary Whittenberg asked if any corrections/updates of last meetings minutes. Minutes were approved.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Roberts was unable to attend but had given the current budget for review. Our current balance is \$5,046.52. The only outstanding debt or project listed was it is time to send out dues to those who have not paid previously this calendar year.

### Newsletter Editor(s) Report

Editor Steven Cox said that a great deal of material has been gathered for the upcoming newsletter. Some of the items he listed were as follows:

- Annual Meeting Information (including Housing/Lodging Info)
- Student Scholarships
- New Facebook Page
- New Civil War Collection at TSLA
- Roundtable (asked that all attending to take plenty of pictures)
  - Possible advertisements for the roundtable authors' books
- New membership form

- Messages from President and Vice-President (need by mid July)

President Sowell asked about the possibility of moving the newsletter from 2-3 a year to 4 (quarterly).

### SAC Representative

Representative Kathy Smith gave a report on the Southern Archivists Conference meeting in New Orleans. She was disappointed that only three Tennesseans were there and it was mainly a Society of Southwest Archivists meeting. Representatives were mainly from Arizona, Oklahoma and Texas (with only four from Missouri and none coming from Alabama). There was also no SAC business meeting during the conference.

President Sowell asked if this was the right time to possibly leave SAC and align ourselves with another regional conference/group. He is very concerned about SAC's continued disorganization.

### Webmaster Report

Webmaster Lockhart was unable to attend.

### Archivist's Report

No report presented. There are still concerns that we need to move our records at TSLA somewhere else due to recent management/policy changes.

### Education Committee Chair Report

Chair Taffey Hall gave a report listing our themes for 2014, 2015 and an update on the Student Scholarship program. The theme for this year is "accidently on Purpose: Acquisition, Care, and Promotion of Unusual or Specialized Collections." The theme for 2015 is "Information Central: Archives, Education, and Outreach." 2016 will be a joint meeting (TAM and TPT) so no theme determined yet.

The Education Committee received three applications for the 2013 student scholarship awards. The committee selected Macon St. Hilaire and Cassandra Silvers, both undergraduate students at Austin Peay State University, as award recipients. The scholarships cover annual meeting expenses and a stipend of 100 dollars for each recipient.

### Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

### New Business

President Sowell asked about the possibility of raising dues to thirty dollars for full membership to STA. Research to get a feel for memberships feelings on this was asked to take place before a formal motion to raise was introduced.

President Sowell asked for ideas for a new Coordinator for Tennessee Archives Month. A permanent position would need to be added to the bylaws.

The next executive committee meeting will be held at the Robertson County Archives in Springfield on Friday, August 15th, 2014 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Albert Whittenberg, Secretary