

# Minutes - MRSC Board Meeting, 29 August 2022

Meeting commenced at 2pm.

**Members in attendance:** Baum (History); Howe (History); Elliott (Art History); Couch (English); McFadden (English); Hackenbracht (English); Smith (Music); Beusterien (CMLL).

**Taking minutes:** Baum

## 1. Brief announcements

- Baum has assumed duties of Interim Directorship & Management of Website
  - one item still locked - need to contact IT
  - still don't have access to mrsc email account - need to contact IT
- John M. Howe lecture announcement
  - 29 September 2022: Christian Raffensperger
  - flyer for this
- History is conducting a search in medieval history. Baum communicated this to board and shared advertisement for post placed on H-Net
- TEMA
  - virtual, Univ. of Dallas
  - 21-22 October

## 2. Brief Report: MRSC Budget

- overview: managers of funds outdated as of 16 August
  - Fund 24G485: \$396.75 - soft money; donations button
  - Fund 18B002: \$12,693.41
    - less \$600 grad student travel awarded over summer
  - Janis & Angie:
    - HC has yet to release ca. 6K: follow up w/Borshuk - Baum
    - Joe Heppert also owes 2K: follow up w/when funds released - put his name w/one speaker; Hsy's talk
- anticipated expenses, AY 2022-2023
  - MRST 5301 course buy-out: ca. \$5000 - Julie: how did it work last spring?
    - \$2500 paid to home department of instructor for buy-out; \$4000 for teaching as overload;
    - discussion of who might teach, spring 2023: English faculty? limited availability
    - need to finalize by late September

- Julie & Ryan: approach Matthew Hunter; update: Hunter has admin duties, probably can't do it
- Conference budget: effective budget right now, ca. \$7,000
- spending beyond conference?
- if other line items come through, plenty of funds for that
- procedural matter re: financing conference: borrow history department p-card for some of expenses (subject to new university rules)
- transferring between history & MRSC should be easy enough
  
- MRSC: A&S line-item status?
  - discussed meeting with new Dean to confirm; Angie & Janis accompany
  
- Beusterien: additional funds for inviting singing/performance group?
  - timing of performance?
  - room in budget?
  - name of performers: Auric
  - Angie favors idea of it - timing it out for Saturday evening

### **3.MRSC Spring Conference**

- current number of submissions: 2
- promotions: on MRSC webpage, twitter; twitter needs to be networked
- extending deadline?
  - promoting to MAA, various med studies centers
  - not saying it needs to happen, but we should develop a contingency plan for that now so we don't have to call emergency meeting later
    - if extension necessary: can check in by email
- Janis John Angie - discussion of whether registration fee should be included
  - small advantages
    - Howe notes potential difficulties collecting money - TTU technologies

### **4.MRSC Working Group Report: updates on venues**

- Baum & Elliott visit to ICC & Museum
  - Museum more flexible for receptions
- Costs & technological capacities

### **5.MRST Teaching AY 2022-2023**

- MRST 5301 - Spring 2023?
  - Beusterien?
- Spring 2023 Course Offerings

-Modalities?

-who can teach hybrid courses?

-who can teach in the evening?

-Brian M: fully online may be better

-Howe: strong student opinion against hybrid

-affiliated faculty at satellite campuses? Janis Elliott

## **6.Future considerations: online/hybrid courses for MRST**

### **7.Additional items:**

-Howe: putting together brochure for MRSC; people can circulate a pamphlet

-Janis: template available through previous TEMA/symposium

**Meeting adjourned 3:06pm**