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   - overview: managers of funds outdated as of 16 August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