

## BPG Business Minutes Minutes -- Annual Conference -- May 31, 2013 -- Indianapolis, IN

The meeting was called to order by BPG Chair, Priscilla Anderson, at 7:32 am.

- Meeting's objectives: to finish on time, communicate information to membership, and have time to hear comments and questions from membership.
- Thanked sponsors: TruVue Optium Acrylic Products for donation of business meeting breakfast; Indiana State Library for hosting BPG reception; Preservation Technologies and Hollinger MetalEdge, for reception food and drink.

1. Approval of 2012 BPG Business Meeting minutes (Stephanie Watkins, Secretary/Treasurer)  
Draft 2012 BM minutes as sent out in Fall 2012 electronic mailing (paper copies available at 2013 Business Meeting) approved without objections or abstentions. Motion to accept by Shelly Smith, seconded by Olivia Primanis. Vote passed by majority hand vote.

2. News from Emerging Conservation Professionals Network (ECPN) (Eliza Spaulding, Vice Chair, ECPN)

- ECPN proposed to specialty group chairs to make existing informal liaison positions formal within the specialty groups, starting 2013.
- New initiative: ECPN Written Resources on topics of interest to emerging conservators such as
  - a.) Conference attendance tips;
  - b.) Creating your own network
- New initiative: Webinars accessible on AIC's Youtube account
  - a.) (July 2012) Debbie Hess Norris on self-advocacy and fundraising for personal research;
  - b.) (Nov 2012) Considering your Future Career Path / Working in Private Practice with advice from Julia Brennen, Rosa Lowinger, and Paul Messier.  
80-90 people attended each.
- ECPN works with AIC on Mentoring Program: Professional Associates and Fellows are matched with student, interim year, or associate AIC members who apply for mentoring.
- Invitation to attend informational meeting on Friday, 31 May 2013, 5:30-6:30 to meet current and future ECPN committee members and learn more about initiatives.
- Keep up with ECPN activities by adding ECPN as an interest under AIC member profile; ECPN sends out periodic (yet not too many) updates.
- ECPN welcomes ideas for other webinars or resources; welcomes participants in Mentoring Program.
- Question from floor to clarify that the "AIC mentoring program" and the "ECPN mentoring program" are the same thing co-run by the AIC office and the ECPN.

3. 2013 BPG Executive Council Election Results (Jane Klinger, Nominating Committee Member)

- Committee members: Chair, Penley Knipe; Eliza Spaulding
- Mary Oey Secretary-Treasurer (2013-2015); Fletcher Durant Assistant Program Chair (2013)

4. 2014 Nominating Committee (Priscilla Anderson, Chair)

- Shelly Smith and Meg Brown will join Penley for 2014

5. Chair's Report (Priscilla Anderson, Chair)

- [Full text in eBlast sent out by Steven Charles, 6/12/2013]
- Leadership goal: keep BPG moving forward, e.g., improve efficiency of communications

6. Closeout of 2012 Budget and Proposed Budget for 2013 (Stephanie Watkins, Treasurer)

- 2012 revenues and expenses: on Dec 31, 2012 (AIC on a calendar year), BPG had \$30,086.23. Subtract the 2012 expenses that were not billed by Dec. 31 to see BPG overspent by \$1273.14, which is not too bad (don't be fooled by the initial impression that BPG had a profit of \$7,736.02). Stephanie thanked the Exec Council and the committee volunteers for being mindful of their total 2012 expenses this year, following last year's difficult message about the dwindling BPG reserves. She is very thankful that BPG will have something in reserve for the next two years given the next two meeting sites will be very expensive.
- 2013 projection of revenue and expenses: Two totals on the right: estimated 2013-only total expenses and 2013 with 2012 unbilled expenses included. BPG worst-case projected revenue will be down to \$20,361, given no additional membership, future donations, or purchase of BPG products. Stephanie hopes lapsed conservation colleagues may rejoin.
- Thanked generous support from vendors over the years: As of Dec. 2012, BPG had received \$31,300 in donations; current reserves are around \$30,000; we would already be bankrupt if it weren't for the generosity of the donors
- Membership total as of May 2013 is up to 1172 members. Membership reported at 2012 Business Meeting was 947; membership by Dec 2012 was 1074. Approximately 90% of BPG's operating costs come from membership support, so thank you for being a member. Breakdown by category: General members: 876; Student Members: 107; International Members: 171; and International Student Members: 18.
- Call for questions without anyone coming forward.
- Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Jane Klinger, seconded by Olivia Primanis. Treasurer's report approved without any objections or abstentions by majority hand vote..

7. Update on 2013 Annual Meeting (Sarah Reidell, Program Chair)

- Four local food trucks organized to be at front of hotel; food can be brought into the exhibit area.
- Changes to program: Elissa O'Loughlin talk is cancelled to extend tips session from 9:45 to 11:30 am. Fenella France's talk on watermark capture is cancelled, to adjourn early Sat at 4:30 pm to watch BPG member Fletcher Durant perform in the Great Debate
- Tips will be published in short little paragraphs in the ANNUAL
- Encourage use of social media during and after meeting: tweet, blog -- use blog to contact speakers with questions and continue conversation
- WIKI Lunch on Friday. Can attend lunch without ticket/eating.

8. 2013 BPG Reception (Emily Rainwater, Assistant Program Chair):

- BPG reception at Indiana State Library starts 6:30. Provided printed walking directions
- Two drink tickets (for beer, wine, or soft drink) if you bought a reception ticket

9. AIC Board Update (Stephanie Lussier, AIC Board Director for Professional Education and Training, and liaison for ECPN and BPG's Education and Programs Committee, and Jennifer Hain Teper, AIC Board Treasurer):

- AIC Board has two other BPG members (4 total), Sarah Stauderman as Director, Committees and Task Forces, and Peggy Ellis as incoming Vice President.
- 2014 Annual Meeting in San Francisco theme is "Preventative Conservation and Sustainability"
- Read message from new AIC President, Pam Hatchfield: "Rather than focusing exclusively on treatment, conservation professionals today routinely incorporate preventive measures today into the care of cultural heritage. Coupled with the awareness that our work takes place within the larger context of an increasingly fragile global climate, we have become increasingly dedicated to the issue of sustainability. The new Collections Care Network and the Committee for Sustainable Conservation Practice are combining forces to develop a program for 2014 that explores how these two concepts are changing the way we practice conservation. The AIC Board is eager for members to share their expertise and projects in these areas. Topics can range from architectural projects to rehousing and storage, approaches to archaeological excavations, collections maintenance practices, or recycling and efficiencies in your own private practice."
- AIC Board wants to be known to members and wants members to feel comfortable enough to provide ideas about annual meeting program. E.g., annual meeting format changes with simultaneous sessions in response to member interests for a more interactive conference, but experimental format is confusing to some members. Conference theme is focus of General Session; specialty groups can explore theme further or develop programs following desire of SG members. E.g., Socratic dialog and Wiki lunch training session were two new 2013 ideas that came from the membership.
- Call for 2014 papers will go out after 2013 Annual Meeting.
- Jennifer: voice your ideas early to AIC Board to get on Meeting schedule and to give Board max flexibility to consider alternative approaches; no need to have program fully formed.

10. Archives Conservation Discussion Group (ACDG) Report (Tonia Grafakos, ACDG Co-Chair)

- ACDG right after Business Meeting. Discussing topic "Is it Real: The Value and Use of Surrogates.
- Call for co-chair, a two-year position. Contact Tonia if interested.

11. Art on Paper Discussion Group (APDG) Report (Scott Homolka, APDG Co-Chair)

- Nancy Ash and Stephanie Lussier, co-chairs
- New group, debut 2013; thanked BPG for realizing new group
- Inaugural session, "Making Terminology Meaningful (10:30 am Friday, 31 May 2013).
- Nancy participated in abstract review and selection process
- Staggered schedule for 3 discussion groups going forward: APDG on 2014, off 2015
- 2014 Co-chairs will be Nancy and Scott
- 2015 Stephanie Lussier and new co-chair will prepare for 2016.
- Call for 2015 co-chair will go out during 2014 Business Meeting.
- Invite and welcome everyone to participate in APDG

12. Library Collections Conservation Discussion Group (LCCDG) Report (Sarah Reidell, Co-Chair, for Justin Johnson, absent)

- New rotating schedule for 3 discussion groups: 2013 LCCDG off; 2014 and 2015 on
- Justin looking for co-chair to commit to the 2 year term -- contact him directly
- Stephanie Watkins added that any member with passion and interest can serve as co-chair; member does not have to be a fellow or a professional associate.

13. Education and Programs Committee (EPC) Report (Laura O'Brien Miller, Co-Chair)

- Thank you to fellow committee members: Ann Kearney, co-chair, working on advancing distance learning opportunities; Ian Bogus, working on conservation in the digital environment; Andrew Huot, working on opportunities for advanced skills in the treatment of books and paper-based materials.
- EPC updated directives and mandate; will be available on the BPG website
- EPC committee decided to formally include an ECPN member on the committee. Call to interested emerging professionals to join EPC -- contact Laura directly (email available through BPG website).
- Urge members to share ideas about future program opportunities, such as workshops, speakers, venues -- contact any EP committee member. What are you interested in learning? Ideas do not have to be grand or completely thought out.

14. Publications Committee Report (Olivia Primanis, Chair)

- Minutes from 2012 mid-winter meeting 2012 (rescheduled for March 2013) will be available on the listserv.
- One person attended March 2012 meeting via Google Plus (like Skype; 10 people can be visible on a screen). Will save costs going forward: replace single annual day-long meeting with several 1-2 hour meetings via GPlus. Preferable to see faces, instead of conference call (audio) only.
- Thank you Renee Wolcot, for editing ANNUAL.
- Thank you Walter Henry and Amy Baker for getting all Annuals through 2011 online
- Thank you Bruce Baumbarger for work on BPG website, for liaising with AIC, and for investigating new platforms to facilitate communications within BPG.
- Thank you Lynn Kidder, who is retiring this year, for serving as BCC Chair
- Welcome and thanks to Rachel Freeman for assuming the position of WIKI coordinator for both BCC and PCC.
- Call for volunteers to contribute to the WIKI. Publications Committee plans to send out a questionnaire asking people what inspires them to contribute and what are impediments to contributing. Interested members contact Rachel Freeman, Olivia Primanis, Evan Knight (all present at the meeting).

15. Acknowledgment of Awards/Grants Recipients (Priscilla Anderson, Chair)

- Verbal acknowledgement in bulk of numerous BPG members who received awards and grants this year. Encouraged members to apply for available grants. Individuals listed on background slides during breaks:
  1. Marion Verborg: FAIC/Samuel H. Kress Foundation International Travel Grant
  2. Soyeon Choi, FAIC Carolyn Horton Fund

3. Jessica Makin, FAIC Carolyn Horton Fund
4. Sylvia Albro, FAIC Carolyn Horton Fund
5. Lauren Calcote, FAIC Carolyn Horton Fund
6. Amy Hughes, FAIC George Stout Memorial Fund
7. Renée Wolcott, FAIC George Stout Memorial Fund

16. Status on BPG's FAIC Donations (Priscilla Anderson, Chair and Stephanie Watkins, Secretary/Treasurer)

- BPG donates \$1000 to Stout Fund and \$1000 to Professional Development Fund
- Priscilla proposes BPG continue at these levels. No motions or discussion from membership for any changes.

17. New Business -- Communications -- BPG listserv (Priscilla Anderson, Chair)

- BPG listserv or "group list" currently an announcements list; rarely used
- Recently proposed leveraging listserv to serve as a discussion forum (following other SGs that have done this); listserv and listserv archives would remain a members-only list;
- Feedback so far is mixed, but clear majority favor discussion forum.
- Some benefits: wider group of professional colleagues to query, but in a safe, trusted environment; a place to crowd-source wiki wisdom; identify new resources; compare policy statements; collaborate to develop best practices
- Moderation: loosely moderated; automatic posting; moderator would only step in if too personal or flagrant offenses; further rules need to be developed, such as whether to allow job postings, conference and course announcements, equipment for sale, etc.
- Managing information: new AIC website will allow preferences to be managed re: frequency; opt-out; route to specific folder
- Continue discussing on the listserv itself to reach entire membership, but start discussion here:

Discussion:

- Peggy Ellis: ambivalent; referenced Walter's response on the list; asks that difference between this and ConsDistList is clearly defined before proceeding; insufficient time to read both; concerns about missing jobs/internship announcements.
- Priscilla agrees
- Emily Wroczynski, student: cited Objects SG list as helpful for e.g., treatment questions; no postings.
- Jane Klinger: recalled earlier days of distlist when it was a broad forum for active exchange of ideas, but since beginning of objects list, tone and demographic has shifted; much more international; misses broader exchange among U.S. conservators [across disciplines?]; agrees with Peggy that lists must be defined before starting
- Priscilla: also ambivalent, but perceives that most conservators usually query close contacts/colleagues, esp. when the question may be sensitive or there is institutional pressure to not reveal our lack of knowledge; the BPG list would offer a safe place to query the entire membership, expanding beyond that group of close colleagues; more members may post; responses might be more trustworthy, coming from other BPG specialists

- Olivia Primanus: We all love the ConsDistList and don't want to see it diminished in anyway. But every other group has a platform for discussing topics that are too minute for the Consdistlist. Supports a BPG list as a forum for raising seemingly insignificant questions or ideas specific to BP
- Priscilla at 2 minutes left: decision will be made about how to proceed with BPG list at end June
- Peggy: Reiterated ambivalence; understands need to communicate with trusted people, but as an education administrator keeping up with opportunities for her students, requested that if list goes forward, all opportunities posted be automatically directed to ConsDistList.
- Priscilla: We need to know our audience.

18. New Business from the Floor (Priscilla Anderson, Chair)

None from the floor.

19. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Margaret Holben Ellis, seconded by Kim Schenck. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 am. Ninety-six members attended.

Submitted by Stephanie Watkins (BPG Secretary-Treasurer 2011-2013) with updates by Mary Oey (BPG Secretary-Treasurer 2013-2015).