

Minutes of the SCAA Business Meeting 2015  
South Carolina Department of Archives and History  
8301 Parklane Road, Columbia, SC  
November 17, 2015  
Taken by Grace Morris Cordial, Secretary

**Call to order:** 1:20 pm

**Minutes from October 14, 2014:** Moved by Ann Merryman; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brenda Burk; Accepted by the assembled membership.

**Director's Report:** The disaster recovery workshop taught by Ann Frellsen co-sponsored with PALMCOP helped prepare archival organizations for the recent flooding. President Steve Smith thanked the Directors for putting together a "wonderful year" and "putting together an annual conference twice" on account of the inclement weather and 1000 year flooding experienced in the Midlands in October 2015. Ann Merryman and Virginia Ellison were commended by all assembled.

**Membership Report:** Renna Redd reported that SCAA is a growing organization.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nathan Saunders reported that the organization is solvent.

### Old Business

**SC Archives Month 2015:** Advocacy and outreach efforts with postcard sized marketing pieces distributed far and wide because Clemson University accidentally printed ten times the usual and customary numbers of the publicity pieces. The effect was enhanced by the recent deluge which caused everyone to think about collection survival at home, in the office, and on the institutional level.

**Outreach/Advocacy:** Some institutions in the impacted area were fielding calls from news media and as well as affected residents whose possessions were damaged in the recent flooding.

**Support/Mentoring for Archival Studies Graduate Students:** The Student Archivist Guild at the University of South Carolina now includes Public History, Library, and Archives students in a new organization called the Cooperative Library Archival Museum Guild. SCAA President Steve Smith attended the new group's meeting in Columbia on October 27, 2015. The SCAA proposes to informally mentoring some members of the new Guild to nurture the growth and development of the students for our profession.

### New Business

**Proposed Change to Membership Dues-Paying Cycle:** Mary Jo Fairchild moved that the proposal to place the membership dues-paying cycle on a rolling basis; Virginia Ellison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Slate of Officers:** The following slate for New Officers of the SCAA was presented by Mary Jo Fairchild as head of the nomination committee:

Vice President / President Elect: Morgan Jones King

Secretary: Molly Inabinett

There being no further nominations from the floor, Steve Smith placed the slate to the membership: Ann Merryman moved that the slate be accepted; Ashley Henson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**2015 Awards:**

**President's Award** – Steve Smith

**Program Innovations Award** – Mary Jo Fairchild for moving the South Carolina Historical Society's Archives and Collection into the College of Charleston's Addlestone Library

**2015 President's Remarks:** Steve Smith said "The SCAA organization means a lot to me. I am amazed by a group of archivists so innovative and energetic."

**2016 President's Remarks:** Andrea L'Hommedieu is looking forward to serving the organization and the joint Spring Conference with the Society of North Carolina Archivists in Charlotte in the spring. She wants to emphasize outreach during her tenure in order to get more young people into our archives and by taking "our show on the road."