

Washington Preservation Initiative
Advisory Group Minutes
August 18, 2003, University of Washington

Present: Gary Menges, UW, Chair
Gudrun Aurand, WSU (by phone)
Linda Pierce, Gonzaga (by phone)
Eric Palo, Renton Technical Institute
Kathryn Hamilton Wang, WSL
Jill Bourne, Seattle Public Library
Lee Dirks, Microsoft
(Susan Barrett (WSL Project Mgr)

Margaret Riddle from the Everett Public Library has resigned from the group.

Workshops

Lists of current registrants for both the September and October workshops were distributed. Group members will do more publicity announcements, with museums and local historical groups, such as Kathryn with state archives, Lee with local SLA, and Gary with PreserveNW, etc. Susan will get the subject area of “mold” added to the Controlling Pests description.

For future workshops, Jill said that it was too late for PLA except for the unlikely possibility that WLA would give up its pre-conference slot to this. Susan will check to see if this is a possibility. For a possible early summer location for the half-day workshop on Saving Family Treasures, Jill had been authorized by SPL to offer as a location the new auditorium at the new Seattle Central Library. The group felt that this was a very generous drawing card for potential attendees. Jill will check on possible dates and contact Gary who will check with the speaker about availability.

For a fourth workshop, Gary will forward information from the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) on a scrapbook workshop on preserving old scrapbooks in library collections. This workshop was mentioned by Barbara Lilley from the New York State Library as being one of the most popular they had ever held. A potential time for this would be as a pre-conference before the joint WLA-PNLA conference in Wenatchee in August 2004. Other conservation centers may offer similar workshops.

Preservation Needs Assessment

The “informal solicitation” for applicants to do a preservation needs assessment of Washington’s libraries has been finalized, thanks to Gary, and sent out, by electronic and hard copy, to three potential applicants. After a listserv announcement by Gary, several other applicants have also expressed interest and requested a copy of the solicitation.

Responses are due Sept. 15. The rest of the timeline can be found in the copy of the solicitation distributed at the meeting.

Grants

Gary had prepared some possible text for the Washington Preservation Initiative grants cycle, to which the group offered additions and suggestions. Gary will incorporate these into the text and forward to Jeff Martin, WSL Grants Administrator, who will prepare the final document. The preservation grants cycle will likely be opened to applicants in mid-to-late September.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the preservation advisory group will be Friday, October 10, 2003, at 10:30 am at the UW, Allen Library administrative conference room. Eastern Washington members are welcome to attend in person or by conference call/speaker phone. (Use of this smaller room seemed to provide a much-improved atmosphere for the speaker phone participants.)