

**Minutes of the
Museum Store Association Mid-Atlantic Chapter
Meeting
Friday, March 29 in San Diego, CA**

Outgoing President Colleen Higginbotham called the meeting to order at 5:15pm and introduced the incoming officers for the 2019 - 2020 term:

President: Aubrey Herr, Assistant Manager of Retail Operations at The Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, MD

Vice-President: Remie Thomas, Manager of Retail Operations at the Stein Museum Shop of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC

Secretary: Jay Thomson, Assistant Manager of the Barnes Shop at the Barnes Foundation, Philadelphia, PA

Treasurer: Michael Higdon, Retail Manager, National Building Museum, Washington, DC.

Vendor Advisor: Peter Irwin, Museum Store Products

There were 36 members in attendance.

Aubrey recognized Jamie Cooper (Museum of the Bible, Washington, DC) for serving as Director at Large on the 2018-2019 MSA Board of Directors.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the last Mid-Atlantic Chapter meeting last Fall in Norfolk, VA. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Michael Higdon gave the Treasurer's report of the Chapter finances. (See attached financial report). Highlights: the Chapter's current balance was \$6,826.90, of which \$2,332 is restricted (\$4,045.90 unrestricted). The Chapter meeting in October, 2018 yielded a net income of \$808.68.

Aubrey put out a call for members to join one of several committees:

Membership - sources and reaches out to lapsed members and potential new members in our chapter

Nominating - seeks out and informs volunteers for chapter officers, which begin a three-year term by serving as Secretary.

Scholarship - finds and confirms applicants to any scholarships available to attend either the Mid-Atlantic region meeting or the National MSA conference. Aubrey noted that although we did have one applicant for the Lynda Marks Scholarship, unfortunately that applicant was not eligible due to having previously attended MSA.

The National MSA Membership committee is also seeking a representative from the Mid-Atlantic Chapter.

In addition, the Mid-Atlantic Chapter will need a new Treasurer as Michael is finishing up his term this year, and a new Vendor Advisor member.

The next Chapter meeting will be in Baltimore, Maryland this Fall (date to be determined). Aubrey hopes to finalize details regarding hotel and dates within the coming weeks, at which time early registration will begin.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42pm. The following members volunteered for various committees:

Membership Committee - Allison, Maureen B.

Nominating Committee - Lauren, Samir, Colin

Scholarship - Deirdre