

2023 Textile Specialty Group Business Meeting

June 6, 2023, 1-2pm EST, held virtually via Zoom

Members in Attendance:

- Alison Castaneda
- Elaina Gregg
- Kira Eng-Wilmot
- Suzanne Davis
- Andrea Goldstein
- Bellie Camp
- Beth Knight
- Mary Kaldany
- Callie O'Connor
- Deborah Trupin
- Denyse Montegut
- Greg Bailey
- Gretchen Guidess
- Gwen Spicer
- Susan Heald
- Jackie Peterson-Grace
- Jennifer Cruise
- Joanne Hackett
- Kate Clive-Powell
- Lissa Rosenthal-Yoffe
- Meg Geiss-Mooney
- Miriam Murphy
- Nhat Quyen Nguyen
- Nora Frankel
- Paige Bailey
- Robin Hanson
- Ryan (Winfield?)
- Sarah Scaturro
- Valerie Soll

Kira Eng-Wilmot, 2022-2023 Chair, called the meeting to order and announced that a quorum (21) had been reached. She announced that TSG Secretary Marina Kastan was unable to attend the meeting and that Program Chair Alison Castaneda was taking notes and moderating the chat.

The 2020, 2021, and 2022 minutes were all approved. Deborah Trupin pointed out an error in the 2021 minutes. (N.B. Elena Phipps's name was subsequently corrected in this document.)

Alison Castaneda, 2022-2023 Program Chair, gave a summary of the annual meeting.

- There were five TSG talks. A sixth time slot in the program was filled with an informal “tips” session and announcements.
- The TSG reception was held in the lounge space at the main branch of the Jacksonville Public Library. It was catered by SoulFULL Eats, a catering company that aims to showcase local growers and minimize waste and environmental impacts. The reception was sponsored by Testfabrics.

Suzanne Davis, AIC Board President, gave updates on AIC business:

- Suzanne introduced Gregory Bailey, the new Board Liaison for Specialty Groups and Networks.
- There were about 600 in-person attendees at the 2023 annual meeting and 400 virtual attendees.
- The 2024 Annual Meeting will be held May 21-25 at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City Utah. The conference theme is “Expect the Unexpected: Embracing and Managing Change, Uncertainty, and Surprise.” September 15th will be the hard deadline for abstract submissions with no extensions. This will hopefully make it easier on abstract review committees. The board is also planning to refresh resources for Program Chairs and session moderators. In general, communication with Program Chairs can be a challenge.
- There is a 2023-2026 Board Strategic Plan, accessible here: https://www.culturalheritage.org/docs/default-source/resources/governance/strategic-plans/2023-2025-board-approved-aic-strategic-plan.pdf?sfvrsn=ed621020_9. In Summer 2023, the focus will be on creating a Board Diversity Plan and improving onboarding processes for new board members. Board would like to hear from TSG leadership about current projects and how they align with the broader strategic plan.
- Suzanne acknowledged that there were issues with the elections this year in that they were held later than usual and that there were problems with notifying the winners. Steps have been taken to prevent this from happening again.
- The changes to the bylaws, prompted by the approval of changes to membership designations, are in the final stages and are currently with AIC legal counsel.
- The Board is soliciting feedback in the AIC Member Community to discuss how AIC’s mandate intersects with the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property and how military and geopolitical conflicts (such as the Russia/Ukraine conflict and the Sudanese civil war) impact cultural heritage.
- The Annual Meeting Climate Impact Survey indicated that meeting attendees value efforts to reduce climate impact, for example by not giving out tote bags. Members feel the climate crisis is important and discussion and efforts to address the crisis are within the remit of the organization. It is important to membership that the meeting rotate geographically, more so than that it be held in a larger city. Cost and timing are also significant factors in the decision to attend. There was no clear preference for any of the different in-person/virtual combinations. Board will come back to the full membership with additional options about the format and frequency of the meeting.

- Beth Edelstein and Greg Bailey are new to the board, while Molly Gleason and Sarah Melching are rotating off the Board. Current Board membership can be accessed here: <https://www.culturalheritage.org/about-us/association/leadership/aic-board-of-directors>

Kira Eng-Wilmot read the Treasurer's updates, a Heather Hodge, Treasurer, was unable to attend.

- Membership and Annual Meeting registration continued to be the largest forms of income for TSG, totaling just under \$10k in 2022. This was slightly less than expected.
- The costs of the 2022 Annual Meeting were around \$10,500. Additional expenditures included the digitization of twelve cassette tapes of early TSG annual meetings, a Zoom license through AIC for TSG, and the sponsorship of the upcoming gel workshop being held at the Fine Art Museums of San Francisco.
- Our reserves are still healthy, totaling \$31,598.
- The 2023 budget is similar to that of 2022. Some funds budgeted for use in 2022 (for digitization and editorial fees for Postprints) were not spent, but will be used in the 2023 fiscal year instead.

Joanne Hackett, Committee Chair, spoke for the Speaker Stipend Committee.

- Three applications were received this year and all three were funded. The stipend amounts varied from \$450-600 and were based on the distance the speakers needed to travel. Two awards went to recent graduates and one to a conservator in private practice.
- Joanne Hackett is rotating off the committee and Denyse Montegut will be taking over as the chair. The committee is still seeking a fourth member for 2023.
- Kira Eng-Wilmot added that TSG had approved an additional stipend using the Chair's discretionary funds, to promote diversity and professional growth within the field.

Nora Frankel, Postprints Lead Editor, spoke for the Postprints committee.

- The 2021 Postprints have been available for about 6 months in the TSG Member Community. Some people have had problems accessing the Community, but AIC will hopefully resolve this.
- The 2022 Postprints are currently with Aptara for final formatting and will be available shortly.
- Ally Barlow will be taking over as lead editor.

Kate Clive-Powell, Wiki Co-Coordinator, gave an update on the Wiki.

- Current Co-Coordinators Kate and Jackie Peterson-Grace will stay on in those roles in 2023.
- A handbook was finalized for the TSG Wiki, adapted from the Photographic Materials Specialty Group.
- There were quarterly meetings with Wiki editors/coordinators across all specialty groups.
- Long-term work continued on the creation of pages dedicated to tapestry conservation, thangka conservation, and adhesives. There were Wiki edit-a-thons focused on aqueous cleaning and compensation for loss, and there will be another in June on mechanical cleaning.
- A vote was taken as to whether complimentary TSG membership should be offered for those who contribute 700-1000 words to the wiki, up to 10 people. A majority of attendees voted "yes," while some indicated interest in running this as a two-year pilot program. TSG Leadership

will revisit the issue at the 2025 Business Meeting to assess its success and determine whether adjustments are necessary.

Nhat Quyen Nguyen gave a report for the ECPN/TSG liaisons.

- The ECPN/TSG liaisons created a YouTube video and Facebook post drawing attention to introductory resources on textile conservation. These reached a wide audience. The YouTube video can be found here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4rnaoM_6SUI&ab_channel=AIC%26FAIC
- The ECPN/TSG liaisons are currently reaching out to current students and recent alumni with a survey on things they wish they'd known before grad school.

Beth Knight, Committee Chair, spoke for the Achievement Award committee.

- Catherine McClean was the 2023 Achievement Award recipient. A statement was read outlining her achievements and contributions to the field.
- Beth is rotating of the committee and Sarah Scaturro will take over as chair. Kaelyn Garcia is joining the committee.

Jackie Peterson-Grace, Committee Chair, spoke for the Nominating Committee.

- Annabel Camp was elected TSG Vice Chair.
- Deborah Trupin was elected to the Nominating Committee.
- Elections will be held in the upcoming year for the 2024-2025 TSG Vice Chair and for a Nominating Committee member.

Kira opened the floor to new business and announcements. Gretchen Guiddess announced that registration for the NATCC conference in Colonial Williamsburg is now open at
<https://www.natccconference.com/>

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48pm.