



## **Coastal Museums Association**

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### **ANNUAL REPORT 2016 – 2017 YEAR**

#### **President**

Sophia Sineath (Georgia Historical Society)

#### **Membership**

During the summer of 2016 a membership committee was formed by Sherryl Lang. She was assisted by Lisa Wilkes, Margaret Hallinan, and Elyse Butler. We continued to have another successful year with 45 institutional members and 6 individual members. This represented a growth over the 41 institutional members and 4 individual members in 2015-2016. Our Reciprocal Admission Program also grew with 41 participating institutions compared with 35 in the previous year. CMA continued its partnership with Savannah Heritage Emergency Response (SHER) on joint membership campaigns and presentations at monthly meetings.

#### **Institutional Members**

American Prohibition Museum (Old Town Trolleys of Savannah Inc.)

Andrew Low House

Bethesda Academy

Bluffton Historical Preservation Society

Bonaventure Historical Society

Catholic Diocese of Savannah Archives

City of Savannah Research Library & Municipal Archives

Coastal Discovery Museum

Congregation Mickve Israel Museum

Davenport House Museum

Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home

Fort Morris Historic Site

Fort Pulaski National Monument

Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council

Georgia Historical Society

Georgia Salzburger Museum

Georgia Southern University Museum

Georgia State Railroad Museum (CHS)

Girl Scouts First Headquarters (GSHG)  
Green-Meldrim House  
Harper-Fowlkes House  
Jekyll Island National Historic Landmark  
Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace  
LAMAR Institute  
Massie Heritage Center  
Mercer Williams House Museum  
Midway Historical Society  
National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force  
Old Fort Jackson (CHS)  
Ossabaw Island Foundation  
Pinpoint Heritage Museum (CHS)  
Richmond Hill History Museum  
Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs  
Savannah Children's Museum  
Savannah History Museum (CHS)  
Savannah National Wildlife Refuges - US Fish & Wildlife  
Savannah Science Museum  
SCAD Museum of Art  
Ships of the Sea Museum  
Skidaway Island State Park  
Telfair Museums  
Tybee Island Historical Society  
Tybee Island Marine Science Center  
UGA Marine Extension  
Webb Military Museum LLC  
Wormsloe State Historic Site

### **Individual Members**

Goode-Walker, Vaughnette  
Johnson-Simon, Deborah  
Moreton, Lydia  
Purdy, Erin  
Seifert, Laura  
Wright, Lynn

### **CMA Board**

Sophia Sineath, President; Rachel Bradshaw, Vice President; Deborah Johnson-Simon, Secretary; Kat White, Treasurer. Sheila Boone stepped in as secretary in March and has agreed to serve in the next year.

## **Website Committee**

A website committee was formed to discuss the future of CMA's online presence due to Wild Apricot (CMA's former website service provider) doubling costs from \$270 per year to \$432 per year. The committee provided a report on January 4, 2017 that recommended CMA switch to a Wordpress site and use GoDaddy for hosting and domain services. The membership voted to accept the committee's recommendation and a new Wordpress website was created at [www.coastalmuseums.org](http://www.coastalmuseums.org). Alex Sineath donated his services by creating a custom map for the CMA website. The cost was significantly less at \$168.34 for three years of hosting and one year of domain services.

The membership also approved of the board using Google Drive tools for managing CMA business. Discussions on changes to the email listserv were tabled for another time.

## **Monthly Programs for the Coastal Museums Association**

*September (Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace) –*

*October (Canceled due to Hurricane Matthew)*

*November (Congregation Mickve Israel) –*

*December (Massie Heritage Center) –*

*January (Congregation Mickve Israel) –*

*February (Congregation Mickve Israel) –*

*March (Congregation Mickve Israel) –*

*April (Congregation Mickve Israel) –*

*May (Congregation Mickve Israel) –*

*June (Ships of the Sea Museum) –* The fourth annual CMA Awards of Excellence Luncheon. The CMA Awards of Excellence provide an opportunity for the CMA membership to nominate a unique member program, event or publication.

Excellence in Education & Interpretation: *W.W. Law Preservation Week*, City of Savannah Research Library & Municipal Archives and *Coastal Nature, Coastal Culture: Environmental Histories of the Georgia Coast*, Ossabaw Island Foundation.

Excellence in Outreach & Collaboration: *My Historic District*, City of Savannah Research Library & Municipal Archives and *Moon River District: Savannah's Lowcountry Experience*.

Excellence in Exhibition: *Watershed: Contemporary Landscape Photography*, Telfair Museums.

Individuals of Excellence: *Dick Tennyson*, Jekyll Island National Historic Landmark and *Dr. Paul M. Pressly*, Ossabaw Island Education Alliance.

### **CMA Treasurer's Report June 2016-May 2017**

**Starting balance**, as of 6/1/2016

**\$4,324.40**

#### **Income**

Membership Dues	\$1855.00
Kiah Fund Donations	\$145.00
Website Donations	\$170.00
Monies for June Meeting Meals	\$209.00
Reimbursement, wine for Sept. kick off party	\$10.00

**TOTAL:**

**\$2389.00**

#### **Expenses**

Kiah Fund Expenditures	\$00.00
Website (3 years) & Domain Name (1 year)	\$168.34
Georgia Historical Society Records Storage	\$286.40
Post Office Box Fees	\$76.00
Georgia Secretary of State Corporate Registration Fees	\$00.00

June 2016 CMA Awards Expenses (Trophies & Catering)	\$309.63
September 2016 Kick-Off Party Expenses (Drinks)	\$84.76
New Checks for Bank Account	\$100.84
Reciprocal Admission Cards Printing Fees	\$49.54

**TOTAL:**

**(\$1075.51)**

**Ending Balance**, as of 5/31/2017

**\$5637.49**

- Completed are the Post Office box annual renewal (March 2017: \$76), the filing of the IRS E-Postcard (no payment required: December 2016), and our corporate registration renewal with the Secretary of State (February 2017: \$0).
- We were required by the bank to order new checks for our account. Until September 2016, First Citizens Bank allowed us to use checks displaying the name of our former bank, Atlantic Bank & Trust (taken over by First Citizens). They no longer accept Atlantic B&T checks.
- A 15% Kiah fund replenishment from available funds (\$587.76) took place in February 2017 per membership vote. As of May 2017, we have had no applications for Kiah Grants this fiscal year.
- Per membership vote in February 2017, our website hosting account with Wild Apricot (\$434/1 year) was cancelled. In its place, CMA purchased a Basic Managed WordPress Website package from GoDaddy.com. Taking advantage of a 50% discount for new purchasers, we paid GoDaddy for 36 months of website hosting (\$143.64 total). We elected to take advantage of the option (free, with a \$0.54 processing fee) to claim the alternate domain name coastalmuseums.com for 36 months. Using remaining available website funds, we renewed our domain name (coastalmuseums.org) for one year (\$24.16 after a 20% discount offer), at a lower purchase price than previous years (\$51.14) with the removal of a never-used option from the purchase package.
- The Audit Committee comprising Elyse Butler (Georgia Historical Society), Sophia Sineath (Georgia Historical Society and CMA President), Kat White (Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace and CMA treasurer), and Tom Meagher (retired, investment banker; current, professor Armstrong State University) met on December 16, 2016 to review finances for FY15 and FY16. In accordance with CMA bylaws, Tom Meagher fulfilled the role of a non-CMA committee member. Thank you to our Audit Committee volunteers.