

Arkansas Museums Association  
Annual Business Meeting Minutes  
March 29, 2022  
DeGray Lake Resort State Park

- Treasurer Daniel Cockrell welcomed the attendees.
- President Gloriaann Sanders continued the welcome and introduced guest speaker Cathy Drew, the Executive Director of the Ozark Gateway Tourist Council.
- Ms. Drew highlighted the region's tourism trends in 2020 and importance of tourism to the state.
- 2021 meeting minutes were reviewed, David Kennedy motioned for them to pass, Josh Williams seconded.
- Daniel Cockrell presented the Treasurer's Report
  - Income was generally down, but \$8,000 is tentatively budgeted for scholarships in the coming year.
  - Josh Williams asked about SEMC scholarships, which will be decided on a case by case basis.
  - AAM Advocacy Day scholarships will also be decided on a case by case basis.
- Membership Chair Erica McGraw has been given the membership list and is promoting events and museums around the state on Facebook and the website.
- New District Representatives were presented for approval: Laci Prince and Kim Hosey. My Kim Parnell made a motion to accept the slate, Daniel Cockrell seconded. Motion passed.
- New Business
  - Scholarships
    - Southeastern Museums Conference-
      - Discussion of costs and possible scholarship offerings by AMA.
      - Financial aid available depends on how much is raised in the Silent Auction
      - Scholarships are available only to members
      - Josh Williams made a motion to provide scholarships, Steve Biernacki seconded
    - Other scholarships such as Advocacy Day will be offered on a case by case basis as funding is available.
    - This is a year to rebuild the budget, so the board will be cautious about scholarship selection.
  - Professional Development
    - These sessions are free to members.
    - Three sessions are currently scheduled, which will be posted on the members only section of the website.
    - Paige Creed and Richard Spilmnan, the co-chairs of this committee, welcome suggestions.
  - Endowment- Steve Biernacki
    - There is currently \$23,000 in the fund.

- Courtney Bradford volunteered to assist on the endowment fund committee.
- Motion to Adjourn made by Laci Prince, seconded by Kim Hosey, motion passed.