

## SENYLRC Digital Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 27, 2008

**Attending Members:** Ron Patkus; John Ansley;; Morgan Gwenwald; Jerry Henry; Clifton Patrick; Jeff Katz; Sally Pellegrini, Chris Pryslopski; Susan Stessin-Cohn; Laurie Shedrick & Helene Tieger, Chair.

**Attending SENYLRC Staff:** John Shaloiko; Tessa Killian & Zack Spalding

**Excused:** Bob Clark; James Cosgrove, Jerry Henry

**Meeting commenced at 10:05.**

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Helene Tieger a second by Chris Pryslopski, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

### Reports/Discussion:

- **HRVH Homepage image & redesign**-The committee discussed the revision of the HRVH homepage and how to incorporate the changing images into the design. The redesign will take place at about the same time as a Content DM upgrade. John reported that a flash slideshow will be created for the front page featuring a few selections from each collection. <http://www.alabamamosaic.org/> site was viewed as an example. The redesign and Flash feature will be done by the site's original design team Waztech. Work on the prototype could begin as early as next week.
- **Beers Atlas Digitization**-Tessa and John reported that two summer interns are being considered to work with the digitization and metadata creation of local atlases that have not been included in projects we can link to. Tessa commented that there seems to be use and potential value in the inclusion of the atlases on HRVH. The interns must complete hours towards coursework and would not be paid by SENYLRC.
- **Missing Chapter**-The committee was provided with two of the 3 recent newspaper articles featuring the exhibit. Susan continues to add to the site and work with the project's teacher partner. She will be giving a talk on Rev. Murphy at Historic Huguenot Street and presenting at Southeastern's Annual meeting this June.
- **Newspaper Digitization**-The plan for the statewide LSTA digitization project has been dropped. Each Council will now have an individual project, receiving \$10,625 each year for a 2 year project period. SENYLRC will be proposing a pilot or demonstration project of newspaper digitization. The committee discussed the possibilities for audience, noting that the date run will be influenced by the selection. Judie Fischetti will be researching the availability of Newspapers for our region. The committee will discuss the selection at a future meeting. Zack is looking at an open source platform. Later, a vendor will need to be selected to scan and create the metadata.
- **2008 HRVH Preliminary Grant Application**-Tessa has distributed the preliminary grant application. She has received 3 back and some phone and email inquiries. The application is due back on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Committee members were asked to consider assisting in the review process if they do not intend to be submitting for their organization. Between \$5,000 and \$10,000 will be distributed based on the value added to the HRVH Collections. The amount granted to one or more individuals will be determined by that value.

**Next Meeting date:** May 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am-12pm

**Meeting Adjourned 12:20 pm**