

**SENYLRC**  
**Digital Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, May 22, 2008**

**Attending Members:** Bob Clark; James Cosgrove; Jerry Henry; Ron Patkus; John Ansley; Morgan Gwenwald; Jerry Henry; Clifton Patrick; Chris Pryslopski; Susan Stessin-Cohn; Helene Tieger, Chair.

**Attending SENLYRC Staff:** John Shaloiko; Tessa Killian; Zack Spalding; Jennifer Palmentiero

**Guests:** Adrienne Turner

**Excused:** Laurie Shedrick; Jeff Katz; Sally Pellegrini

**Meeting commenced at 10:00.**

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Susan Stessin-Cohn a second by Jim Cosgrove, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Reports/Discussion:**

- **Summer Intern**-Tessa introduced Adrienne Turner, a MLS student at Syracuse University, who will be interning at SENYLRC this summer. Adrienne will work on digitizing and creating metadata for local atlases that will be added to HRVH.
- **HRVH Workshop series**-Tessa and Jen will provide another round of the HRVH Digitization Basics training series in June and July. Staff from 4 new libraries have already signed-up: Cornwall Public Library, Howland Public Library, Moffat Library of Washingtonville, and the Catskill Public Library. Two staff members from the South Central Regional Library Council will also be attending the training.
- **HRVH User Group**-The second HRVH User Group meeting was held on April 29<sup>th</sup> and was well-attended. Bob Clark led a discussion about granting permission and charging fees for use of items found in HRVH.
- **General SENYLRC Updates:**
  - SENYLRC's Annual Meeting will be held at the Culinary Institute of American on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Susan Stessin-Cohn will be speaking about the Missing Chapter exhibit that was recently added to HRVH
  - Susan Stessin-Cohn presented a teacher's workshop about the lesson plans included in the Missing Chapter exhibit. The workshop was well-received and her lesson plans will be used by several school districts in the region
  - Bruce MacMillan, who works at Bard College and the Senate House, will be joining SENYLRC's Board of Trustees in July.
  - SENYLRC staff will give a presentation on HRVH to the Digitization Committee at the Central NY Library Council in Syracuse.
  - John reported on the use of RBDB monies to fund new HRVH initiatives. Money has been budgeted to outsource the scanning of oversized maps, as well as historic newspapers. RBDB money will also be used to provide mini-grants to help offset the digitization of new collections in HRVH.

- **Homepage redesign and CONTENTdm upgrade-** The HRVH homepage has been redesigned and includes a slide-show of images from each contributing organization. Links to the Missing Chapter exhibit and to a “featured collection” are available on the new homepage.
- **Newspaper Digitization-** SENYLRC has received a 2-year LSTA grant for a historic newspaper digitization demonstration project. The total cost of the project is \$35,000 with \$20,000 coming from LSTA funds. Judy Fischetti has identified 9 possible titles and is currently evaluating the quality of the microfilm as well as the content of the papers. The committee will make the final selection once Judy has narrowed down the possible titles based on her evaluation. The open-source software, Greenstone, will serve as the platform for the newspapers and SENYLRC will work with DL Consulting to create the user interface. Once the newspapers are available to the public, SENYLRC will work with a public library to evaluate the use of the digitized newspapers.
- **HRVH Digitization Grants-** SENYLRC received 23 grant applications (12 from current contributors and 11 from new organizations). John A., Chris P., Morgan G., and Helene T. volunteered to review the applications with SENYLRC staff and select the awardees.

### **Actions/Recommendations**

- Develop a tool for evaluating newspapers.

**Meeting Adjourned 12:00 pm**