



Greater New York Music Library Association

Minutes

Spring Meeting

Friday, June 7, 2024, 9:30 A.M.

Dana Library, Rutgers University, New Jersey

Officers present:

Sara White, Chair

Catherine Hammer, Vice-Chair

Jeremiah Kamtman, Secretary-Treasurer

Attendees: 20

Pre-meeting

- Breakfast and social time

Business meeting, 10:01 a.m.

- Monthly Meet-ups
 - Feedback?
 - Overall it has been a success, but it might be helpful to plan out several in advance, and/or choosing a specific day of the month to commit to
 - Queens is next on the docket
 - Since MLA is virtual next year, we could think about doing a streaming party or live event at NYPL
- GNYMLA Travel Grant Fund
 - Anonymous donor wishes to donate a yearly sum of \$1,000 or match up to \$1,000 for any grants received through MLA National
 - Name of fund to be determined
 - We applied for a \$500 grant from MLA National this year – decisions will be made at the beginning of the new fiscal year (July)
- Discussion about Officer Roles and Elections
 - Due to a previous vacancy in the Vice Chair position, the Vice Chair and the Secretary/Treasurer are now on the same rotation, which will be fixed at the next election cycle (Spring 2026)

- A discussion was held about a potential new officer position, “Social Media Manager”. This would be an election-based position, in charge of outreach and chapter visibility via social media platforms. This was perceived as generally favorable, but some concerns were expressed about the ethical issues surrounding social media and the sustainability of the position over time
 - An online vote will be sent out soon to determine the viability of the position. If passed, Bylaws amendments will be drafted over the summer and voted on at Fall meeting, with the election in Spring
- Treasurer’s Report
 - \$3,018.90 in account after breakfast expenses
 - Had to replace the card after the information was stolen, but the account is secure now
 - Made a Paypal account for donations and reimbursements, @GNYMLA
 - New website! <https://gnymla.wp.musiclibraryassoc.org/>
 - 138 members on the listserv, 38 active (dues paid)
- Future Meeting Suggestions
 - Send suggestions to Sara
 - A list of previous meetings can be found here: <https://gnymla.wp.musiclibraryassoc.org/meetings/past-meetings/>
- Business Meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Presentations

Rigler-Deutsch Index: Shared collection of uncatalogued recorded sound /
presented by Julius Tanner, *NYPL*

Presenter talked about the history of the RDI, how a typical reference interview works, and the current limitations of the RDI.

Digitizing Archival Materials: Challenges and Opportunities / presented by Diane Biunno, *Metadata Archivist, Institute of Jazz Studies*

Presenter talked about digitizing the Francis Paudras Film Collection (on Bud Powell) at the Institute of Jazz Studies Archives. Pandemic to May 2023.

The Latest Updates from RILM: Spring 2024 / presented by Elizabeth Martin-Ruiz, *RILM*

Presenter talked about the newest additions to RILM, including Music Encyclopedias, MGG, DEUMM Online, RILM Archive of Popular Music

Magazines (RAPMM). RILM now includes 280 journals, 10 of which are new in July 2024.

Making Sense of the Sweet Basil Collections at the City College of New York /
presented by Michael Crowley, *Music Library, CCNY* and Sean O'Heir, *Electronic Resources Librarian, CCNY*

Presenters talked about the various archival collections within the Sweet Basil Collections, including the Horst Liepholt Papers and Tapes and the Mel Litoff LP Collection, and how they are in the process of making them more discoverable.

Tour of the Institute for Jazz Studies

Led by Elizabeth Surles and Diane Biunno, who showed off some of the treasures at the Jazz Institute and gave a tour of the closed stacks.