

## SEATTLE HERITAGE EMERGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK (SHERN)

### Minutes

Date: October 4, 2024, 9:30am-11:00am

Location: Museum of Flight with Zoom option (Virtual)

In attendance:

In person: Jules Irick (Seattle Municipal Archives), Sarah Frederick (Museum of Flight), Kristopher Strebe (National Nordic Museum), Siri Linz (National Nordic Museum), Stephanie Mohr (Henry), Courtney Sprague (Museum of Flight), Molly Winslow (Burke), Ollie Bode (Museum of Flight), Nicole Davis (Museum of Flight), Sean Lanksbury (Seattle Public Library, Camille Davidson (Seattle Archdiocese)

Virtual: Danielle Coyle (King County Archives), Eric Bauer (Diocese of Olympia)

### AGENDA

- **Introductions and welcome**
- **Updates from the Chair (Jules)**
  - Jules discussed two meeting invitations she had recently received on behalf of SHERN, extending those to the group
    - World Affairs Council
    - Seattle OEM
  - Introduction of updates to the bylaws. More information will be shared ahead of the December meeting
  - Jules will be offering office hours this winter. Will share out details when those dates are confirmed
- **August minutes approved**
  - One change to name spelling
- **Treasurer's report (Kristopher)**
  - Balances
    - Checking: \$4797.20
  - Bank Update – The shift to the new bank, Umpqua, is complete. The Sound Credit account is completely closed
  - 2025 Dues – Will resume in November. Please make sure you update your organizations contact info, which informs the information included on the PrEP plan
- **Sub-Committee Updates**
  - Tech Committee – No update
  - Recruitment Committee
    - Discussion of possible new members and ways to engage with inactive members
      - Who is responsible for new member contact?

- Request for feedback from information presented at last meeting
  - Potential to form separate Membership Committee in 2025
  - Suggest inviting 4-Culture to upcoming meeting to discuss possible funding opportunities
  - Discussion of how a mentorship program might work
- Document Review Committee
  - Discussion on merging with the recruitment committee in the future
- Branding Committee
  - Hope to have scope of work set by mid-2025
  - Discussion on engaging with AI around brand design
- Supply Committee
  - No update, but ready to move forward with purchasing once banking systems are in place
- **Potential Joint Workshop with SHEPARD and the Piece County Group (Sarah)**
  - Discussion of potential workshops in 2025 to be offered in partnership with SHEPARD, the Pierce County group and the Washington Museums Association. Details are still being finalized, including dates, costs, etc.
  - Sessions would be offered both in King County and in Eastern Washington.
- **Western Museums Association Conference Update**
  - Disaster Response Session (Stephanie M.) in Tucson
    - RC-WR panel presented on seasonal disasters, historical disasters, and general disaster preparation, through the lens of west coast institutions
    - Session ended with a group activity working through a fictional apocalypse and was well attended and received.
- **Updates from members**
  - Seattle Municipal Archives: has compiled resource list for nitrate negative disposal. Discussions of issues around cold storage freezers.
  - Henry: Contractor accidentally caused pest infestation. Discussion around response and how it happened.
  - Burke: Ongoing HVAC issues with subsequent repairs, which seem to be working. Ongoing ground leaks through shelving tracks. Unknown cause
  - Seattle Public Library: Ongoing HVAC issues in offsite storage due to proximity of a neighboring gym / sauna. Update on ransomware attack recovery. Update on digitization and rehousing related to the Paul Dorpat collection

- Museum of Flight: Welcome to a new staff member, Ollie, who brings the objects team up to three people. Update on the museum's new strategic plan which will likely include a collections move and new building construction.
- Diocese of Olympia: Erik recently participated in a leadership training course centered around disaster response and hosted by the Smithsonian.
- King County Archives: Recently completed minor HVAC updates
- Next meetings:
  - December 6<sup>th</sup> – Seattle Public Library
  - February 7<sup>th</sup> – Any volunteers to host?
- Adjourn for MoF tour