

Meeting Summary

Action items are underlined.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Present: D. Moddelmog, H. Mitchell, K. Plank, S. Kustis, W. Young, E. Hornsby, C. Nardacci, A. Kennedy, P. Bullimore

Regrets: J. Buckley, J. Miner, E. Russell, T. Cetwinski

II. Status Check (Heather Mitchell)

Mitchell showcased the following sites as models for *Our Stories*' online development:

<http://sunsite3.berkeley.edu/gaybears/>

<http://library.ucsc.edu/reg-hist/oir.exhibit/index.html>

<http://www.lgcsc.org/archives.html>

She then demonstrated what one finds for *Our Stories* when doing a Google Search

•**Google:** [Our Stories: A developing Record of Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Alliance @ The Ohio State University](#)

result: OSU Pro—Outreach/Engagement profile for *Our Stories*

•**Google:** [Our Stories at Ohio State](#)

result: GLBTSS, Multicultural Center postings of the *Our Stories* e-newsletter

•Mitchell also demonstrated how the *Our Stories* facebook group is sharing our stories with students

III. IRB issues-development of the archive (Kathryn Plank)

Plank led a discussion of issues related to the IRB process including copyright/story ownership, confidentiality of records for those who submit anonymously, and securing 3rd party permissions when an interviewee refers to another person by name. At Hornsby's suggestion, Plank will contact Jan Neiger, the OAA legal affairs liaison for guidance in these issues.

Plank anticipates having a first draft of the IRB application ready by the end of spring break. Advisory board members were encouraged to undergo human subjects review CITI training.

IV. The Knowledge Bank (Tom Cetwinski) – postponed

V. Opportunities to Partner with other Gay Hi(story) related groups

The following gay hi(story) related programs are in development in Central Ohio

20 Straws, a film about gay teens in central Ohio living out lives

GOHI/Ohio Historical Society-sponsored Gay Ohio History Initiative

Rob Berger's personal collection of oral history interviews

Rob Berger is working in partnership with GOHI and Stonewall Columbus to host history panels during Pride Month. Mitchell indicated that Berger invited her to share "lesbian-specific" items that are part of the *Our Stories* collection during one panel. Berger also extended an invitation that was accepted for *Our Stories* to be a co-sponsor via promoting the events. Modellmog will also be involved, as she will be moderating that panel.

Modellmog referred to Equality Ohio's Our Stories project. Mitchell shared that, different from some other groups, communication with Equality Ohio varied.

The board agreed to move forward in attempting to connect with and partnering with any gay history projects in the state.

VI. Next Steps

Nardacci and Kustis inquired if a strategic plan exists. Upon learning that there is not a current plan, Nardacci and Young expressed interest in drafting a first copy of a strategic plan. The board supported this 'next step' as a way of laying groundwork for the future growth of the project.

Modellmog suggested connecting with the eHistory group on campus. Mitchell will follow up with that contact.

A request was made to create a Carmen shell for the purposes of making information readily available to all advisory board members 24 hours. Mitchell will create the shell, enroll members, and be available to provide tutorials for anyone who might need one.

VII. In Conclusion

Bullimore shared a summary of the honors thesis he wrote when earning his B.A. in history at Ohio State: "Pressure from all Sides: A Comparative History of the Issues and Policies Related to the Gay and Lesbian Student Populations of The Ohio State University and The University of Michigan, 1971-1994: A Senior Honors Thesis."