

**OREIT Section:** Matt Vitello – There were 44 participants at the virtual OREIT technical section meeting. Rebekah discussed the creel and recreational survey to get their opinions and what they want to see out of the survey. Jared McGovern (National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium) talked about some of the initiatives that they have been working on and how the UMRCC might be able to partner with them.

75<sup>th</sup> Publication – The OREIT section should have a final draft by the end of the month. They will use the remaining encumbered funds **(\$4,606.58)** for final layout and design with a publication company. They are not planning on printing hard copies but it will be available in an electronic printable format.

Funding request – The OREIT section is asking for \$5,000.00 for working on the website with a vendor.

Field trip grant change – The OREIT section increased the field trip grants from \$250 to \$350 for each field trip allowing 2 grants per state. So they are requesting \$3,500.00 to be encumbered each year for this grant. Discussion revolved around why the grant was not being used as much. The OREIT section will be researching the cost of bus rental fees to see if the \$350 would cover those.

Future direction of the OREIT section is to see where they can fit in with the other technical sections initiatives like the Creel and Recreational Survey or the Chloride Resolution. Establishing better recreation connections like kayaking and birding.