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Staff Report: Education

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The FY23 budget plans for 60 courses to be held via Zoom, and a modest return to face-to-face courses (budgeted 4) where and when conditions are appropriate. We are planning face-to-face courses in conjunction with Northwest Archivists in Salem, OR, Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists in Logan, UT, and Midwest Archivists Conference, in Chicago, IL during April and May 2023. In addition, we are planning a course in Albany, NY to be hosted by the New York State Archives. Promotion is underway to ensure sufficient enrollment and I am pleased to see such geographic spread, making our courses available nationwide once more.

The production of new, free webinars has slowed since we have emerged from immediate crisis mode and are well into a “new normal.” I am exploring possibilities with instructors for new webinars in the career planning and self-care areas for late Spring/early Summer 2023. As part of acknowledging the National Day of Racial Healing, we are making one webinar, “Creating Safer Online Spaces” created in 2022, free for one month. We are also pursuing new content in the DEIA area, with the assistance and guidance of Committee on Education members.

Registration for paid DAS and A&D courses has also slowed. I believe this indicates that we have saturated the immediate market for our existing on-demand content and have captured the majority of “likely sales”, taking into account the recent removal of the in-person DAS course requirement. We will focus the latter half of FY23 on generating new courses and refreshing the Foundational DAS and A&D webinars to maintain the programs’ appeal for new and renewal students.

Finally, we are committed to maintaining new content in the Management Track. A new webinar on Remote Work in Archives is on the way, and the Archives Management Section has indicated interest in helping with this track in the future.

On-Demand Webcast Sales Summary (10/1/22 to 1/11/23)

	October	November	December	January	Grand Totals
Paid content	67	62	70	23	222
Free content	10	9	11	3	33
TOTALS	77	71	81	26	255

Live Online Courses (10/1/2022 to 1/11/2023)¹

A summary of activity is below².

Date	Course	Enrollment	Paid or Free
10/12-10/13/2022	Teaching with Primary Sources	28 (max 35)	paid
10/17/2022 and 10/19/2022	MARC for Archival Description (closed course for Triangle Research Libraries Network)	29 (max 30)	paid
10/19/2022	Introduction to PREMIS	24 (max 35)	paid
10/20; 10/27; 11/03; 11/10; 11/17; 12/01/2022	Digital Curation Fundamentals & Sustainability	31 (max 35)	paid
10/26 and 11/02/2022	Enhancing Digital Access	35 (max 35)	paid
11/07; 11/09 and 11/11/2022	Encoded Archival Description 3	24 (max 40)	paid
11/15/2022	Archival Exhibitions (closed course for Texas State Library and Archives Commission)	16 (max 30)	paid
11/15-11/16/2022	Accessioning and Ingest of Digital Records	32 (max 35)	paid
11/29-11/30/2022	Using ePADD in Email Archiving	10 (max 10)	paid
10/01-12/02/2022	Email Archiving	40 (max 40)	paid

¹ *Some courses had intentionally limited enrollments, by instructor request. +Enrollment numbers sometimes include audits by DAS or CoE members performing course review or TA duties, as approved by Director of Education.

² The FY23 budget is built on the assumption that we run approximately four live webcasts per month over ten full programming months (excepting December and August) with an average of 30 enrollees. July and August are typically slower months for SAA Education in terms of programming, we do not want internal educational programs to compete against Annual Meeting.

Date	Course	Enrollment	Paid or Free
01/09-01/11/2023	Building Advocacy & Support for Digital Archives	35 (max 35)	paid
01/10; 01/12; 01/17; and 01/19/2023	Tools Selection & Management	19 (max 35)	paid
Totals		323 (max 395)	

A&D and DAS Program Updates

The January DAS Comprehensive Exam period is underway as of this writing. We will provide the latest DAS Certificate numbers in the next periodic report. We continue to highlight each new DAS and A&D certificate holder on the website here: <https://www2.archivists.org/prof-education/das/certificate-holders> and here: <https://www2.archivists.org/prof-education/a-d/certificate-holders>

Recruitment is underway for two new individuals to take the role of DAS Comprehensive Exam Question Manager to begin FY24. We are also developing the first pre-requisite for DAS, a new course focusing on OAIS. This represents a substantive change in the DAS Curriculum, identifying a core area of knowledge that merits “pre-requisite” status.

	DAS CERTIFICATES	DAS RENEWALS
10/1/22 to 1/11/23	0	6
Prior year	0	7
	A&D CERTIFICATES	A&D RENEWALS
10/1/22 to 1/11/23	2	0
Prior year	12	0

Finally, I’m excited to share that one of the DAS courses, Command Line Interface, has been revised and updated and is now launched as an on-demand asynchronous course called *Information Processing: Files, Metadata and the Command Line*. This makes another convenient option available for members seeking to fulfill their Tools and Services tier DAS requirement. <https://www.pathlms.com/saa/courses/45019>

Grants, Partnerships, Outreach

In February, SAA Education will host a free Meet and Greet webinar session with representatives from Internet Archive. I will be working to identify additional LAMS partners with whom we want to build relationships and scheduling more sessions like this in the future.

Promotional text: Join librarian Chris Freeland & program leads Jamie Joyce & Jim Michalko for a reintroduction to Internet Archive's services and projects of use to the preservation community. In addition to longstanding efforts like The Wayback Machine, Archive-It, and book digitization, presenters will cover new services & programs that Internet Archive has started in recent years. New efforts include our work with resource sharing, supporting rapid response archiving projects (Saving Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Online), Internet Archive Scholar, and Democracy's Library, a free and open repository of government research and publications. Presenters will also cover the lawsuit against the Internet Archive for lending books through controlled digital lending (CDL), and what the lawsuit means for all libraries and archives.

In addition, I can report the continuing activity below:

- SAA Foundation funded a project led by Jessica Chapel, Lydia Tang, and Alison Clemens on Anti-Oppressive Leadership and Collaborative Facilitation training, part of DEIA work. (underway)
- Columbia University approached SAA Education for support on their IMLS proposal for A Toolkit for Processing, Analyzing, and Appraising Digital Records. (underway)