

Archives Management Roundtable Newsletter

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Co-chairs Daria D'Arienzo (daria.dariento@live.com) and Lois Hamill (hamilll1@nku.edu) [3 letter "L"'s followed by the numeral 1] are looking for input from Archives Management Roundtable members. The Roundtable is in a time of transition. Attendance at meetings has declined, participation by members outside of meetings is low. No one has volunteered to take over maintenance of the website. We have difficulty generating conference session proposals. Does this Roundtable still fill a need for the SAA membership? How viable is the Roundtable? What

should our future direction be? Your co-chairs wish to hear your thoughts on this matter. The new SAA listserv, email and the upcoming Roundtable meeting are all available methods for communicating about this question.

The Archives Management Roundtable has partnered with the Records Management Roundtable on a task force to explore the challenges faced by colleagues and patrons with physical impairments in archival settings and to address the issues raised by this study. Work has been taking place for some months now. A status report will be given at our next Roundtable meeting.

We are here. We welcome everyone's ideas and comments. Please be in touch and volunteer. We need your help to make this Roundtable function. We look forward to seeing you all in San Francisco.

Daria and Lois

SAA 2008 ARCHIVES MANAGEMENT ROUNDTABLE MEETING

Please note that the Archives Management Roundtable meeting will be held **Wednesday August 27th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm**, location to be announced in the conference program. There have been numerous schedule changes for activities at SAA compared with several years ago as more is added to the conference. This is not the best meeting time as it conflicts with the dinner hour and even arrival times for attendees. Please feel free to bring a snack or even your dinner to the meeting with you. We do hope you will make every effort to join us. This is a crucial time for the roundtable membership and we would like to hear your opinion.

Following a brief business meeting, Alexandra Gressitt, Director of the Balch Library, will set the context, provide successful strategies and lead us in an interactive discussion on how archivists balance demanding work lives with fulfilling personal and family lives. Please join us.

ELECTIONS

Elections for leadership of the roundtable will be held during the business meeting. The current co-chairs have agreed to run again. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

JOINT TASK FORCE

As previously reported, the Archives Management and Records Management Roundtables agreed to form a joint task force on diversity to explore issues for physically challenged staff and researchers working in archives and records centers. The charge for this working group was: “to contact and network with persons with physical impairments in the archives and records management profession (archivists, records managers, and researchers/patrons), identify and study the challenges for them in same, and develop tools to assist them in overcoming these challenges.”

Daria D'Arienzo and Lois Hamill [Archives Management Roundtable co-chairs], Russell James and Alison Stankrauff [Records Management Roundtable chair and vice-chair respectively], have served in advisory ex-officio roles. Mark Greene [SAA President], Nancy Beaumont [SAA Executive Director] and Dr. Thomas Battle [chair, SAA Diversity Committee] have served as key advisors. Casey Greene of the Rosenberg Library representing the Archives Management Roundtable and Debra Kimok of SUNY-Plattsburgh representing the Records Management Roundtable are serving as the Co-coordinators for the task force. Committee members include: Greg Johnson, Avery Olmstead, Shelly J. Croteau, Michele F. Pacifico, Michelle Ganz and Susan Gilbert Beck.

The group will present a progress report to their respective roundtables next month at SAA. This will be a continuing project for both roundtables until such time as their work is completed.

WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING – DESPERATELY SEEKING A NEW WEB MASTER

Much hard work has gone into the creation of the new Archives Management Roundtable website which is located at <http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/archmgmt/>. Your co-chairs are very grateful to Russell James who volunteered to create the website even though he is not a member of our roundtable.

Now that the website has been developed, it is time to find our own web master to maintain it. According to Russell, the hard part is done. What is needed now is someone to update the site as needed, for example post new newsletters. “A basic knowledge of HTML is all that is needed. Updating the site is very easy and takes, literally, a matter of five minutes to complete.”

If you are interested in becoming the new web master for the Archives Management Roundtable, please contact one of the co-chairs. Russell will send you the files for the website and a short tutorial he wrote to help you get started.

NEW LISTSERV

SAA's listserv for the Archives Management Round Table is now up and running. You may send messages to other members of this list by addressing your posts to:

archmgmt@forums.archivists.org

To unsubscribe from this list, please visit:

<http://saa.archivists.org/Scripts/4Disapi.dll/4DCGI/person/ListServ.html>

To log into the SAA Archives Management Roundtable Discussion List forum, visit:

<http://forums.archivists.org/read/?forum=archmgmt>

and enter your email address and your SAA password

2009 PROGRAM PROPOSALS

At the 2008 Roundtable meeting, we will also be discussing proposals for the 2009 SAA annual meeting. As you think about the Management Roundtable, we hope you will jot down a few ideas for possible conference sessions. Program proposals are usually due about the first of October which comes quickly after the annual conference.

SAA COUNCIL LIAISON

Our Roundtable liaison to SAA Council is Leon Miller of Tulane University. His term of office ends Aug 15, 2009. Until then, should you have questions or concerns about this roundtable or other matters, you may contact him at lmiller@tulane.edu .