

Date: October 30, 2009

Name of Section/Roundtable: Archives Management Roundtable

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<http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/archmgmt/>

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Report from annual meeting:

- Number of attendees: 24
- Election results: Daria D'Arienzo and Lois Hamill re-elected co-chairs
- Summary of meeting activities:
(or attach minutes or newsletter accounts) Minutes Attached

Twenty-four people, including outgoing SAA Council Liaison Lee Miller and incoming Council Liaison Brenda Lawson, attended the AMRT meeting on August 12, 2009 in Austin. The agenda is attached. Rosemary Pleva Flynn and Caryn Radick presented "Less with Less: Today's Reality," a collaboration among the Lone Arranger's Roundtable the Women Archivist's Roundtable and the AMRT. The program was well received and provoked good discussion. Their presentations are posted on the AMRT website: <http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/archmgmt/>

Daria D'Arienzo (incoming co-coordinator) gave a short report on the work of the AMRT and RMRT Joint Working Group on Diversity in Archives and Records Management, on behalf of Debra Kimok and Casey Edward Greene, co-coordinators and a report for Web Liaison Kate Rogge who where not able to attend the roundtable meeting. These reports are attached and also available on the AMRT website. Daria D'Arienzo and Lois Hamill were re-elected co-chairs for 2008-2009. Ann Jenks, from the 2010 Program Committee, provided an invitation and guidelines for proposing sessions for next year's meeting. The Roundtable members then discussed several proposals for the 2010 program and later created and endorsed two sessions, "Making Hard Decisions in 'Really' Difficult Times," proposed by Salvador Barragan (steering committee member) and "Finding the Time: Archivists and Work-Life Balance," proposed by Caryn Radick, based on the AMRT program from the 2008 annual meeting.

The group acknowledged and thanked Lee Miller for his service as our SAA Council Liaison and welcomed Brenda Lawson.

Once again, though the meeting was at an awkward time, participants stayed for the program and joined in the lively discussions.

Completed projects/activities

The AMRT and RMRT Joint Working Group on Diversity in Archives and Records Management created two sets of recommendations based on the year's work: "Recommendations for Working with Archives Researchers with Physical Disabilities" and "Recommendations for Working with Archives Employees with Physical Disabilities."

Ongoing projects/activities

The AMRT and RMRT Joint Working Group on Diversity in Archives and Records Management will continue its work. It has been populating a Wiki with the information found as the group explores the many aspects of this issue.

The Recommendations above will be brought to the Standards Committee in 2009-2010 for endorsement.

The Joint Group will also develop an "Accessibility Forum" for the 2010 annual meeting, to encourage discussion among the all SAA members, share strategies developed and identified by the group and to promote the guidelines created.

The AMRT is evolving and exploring ways to bring relevant programming and information to the range of managers who have virtually joined the AMRT. As of August 31, 2009, there were 806 members (figures provided by SAA). The electronic newsletter, with contributions from members exploring management issues they face, has been one small way of sharing information. At the annual meeting, programs focusing on providing practical recommendations and solutions for issues faces by archival managers, from lone arrangers to those who administer large departments, have proved very successful. The AMRT continues to work to provide offerings at the AMRT annual meeting that are even more relevant to our members.

New projects/activities

See Ongoing Activities

Diversity initiatives

AMRT and RMRT Joint Working Group on Diversity in Archives and Records Management was created in direct response to the call for a diversity initiative by the SAA Council and was prompted by Elizabeth Adkins' presidential address to SAA in 2007. It remains an active and dedicated group. See Ongoing Activities.

Questions/concerns for Council attention