

Archives Management Roundtable Newsletter

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Greetings for the new year from your co-chairs. This year offers both new challenges and a new beginning for the AMRT. The current economic situation has touched everyone. 2009 gives us an opportunity to reassess and revitalize the Roundtable. It is a time when our professional network can be even more important as we all seek inspiration and solace from colleagues as we face the future. We need our members' help as we look for ways for the AMRT to provide something useful to you. We can be a

resource. What do you need? We welcome everyone's ideas, comments and elbow grease. Please contact us and volunteer. With your help we can revitalize the Roundtable.

One of the AMRT's important contributions has been our partnership with the Records Management Roundtable and the innovative work of the Joint Working Group on Diversity in Archives and Records Management. Read about the Working Group's efforts on our website.

Another service the Roundtable can provide is to offer a forum for topics not usually addressed in the formal SAA meetings. Our AMRT topic this year is "Less with Less: Today's Reality." We are all facing diminishing resources in all areas. There is only so much time in the day and we only have so much energy. Join colleagues in a discussion of practical attitudes and tools for surviving in this environment.

Come to the Archives Management Roundtable meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 (time to be announced) and reconnect with your colleagues.

Our very best,

Daria and Lois

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SAA 2009 CONFERENCE & ROUNDTABLE MEETING

The Archives Management Roundtable and Records Management Roundtable's Joint Task Force on Diversity in Archives and Records Management submitted a proposal for the 2009 SAA conference which was accepted. Congratulations to the entire task force which has been working hard. Titled "Strategies for Accommodating People with Physical Impairments and Disabilities in Archives," the session will discuss accessibility practices in archival repositories and records centers. Currently very little has been published on this important issue. The session is tentatively scheduled for Friday, August 14, 8:30 am - 9:30 am.

Our Roundtable meeting for 2009 will include a presentation "Less with Less: Today's Reality" by Rosemary Pleva Flynn, Librarian & Manager, Library & Information Services, Energy & Environmental Research Center, University of North Dakota and Caryn Radick, Processing

Archivist, Special Collections and University Archives, Rutgers University, NJ. The current economic situation has impacted all archives and archivists both professionally and personally. Join your colleagues as we address the practical implications of coping with diminished resources without losing spirit. How can we say no to overburdening demands, stick to our priorities and survive in today's environment? Discussion will be lively and intense. The AMRT business meeting and elections will follow.

SAA 2008 ARCHIVES MANAGEMENT ROUNDTABLE MEETING

Minutes from the 2008 Archives Management Roundtable meeting can be found on our homepage at <http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/archmgmt/reports.asp>. Note that the 2008 Annual Report also includes a report from the joint task force and information about survey results on pages 6-10 of the Annual Report.

ELECTION RESULTS

Your co-chairs, Daria and Lois, were re-elected for another term from 2008 – 2009.

JOINT TASK FORCE UPDATE

The most recent update from the joint task force was recently published in *Archival Outlook*. Unfortunately editing produced some factual errors. The unabridged version can be found on our website at http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/archmgmt/df_110108_article.pdf Additional task force materials can be found on our website at <http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/archmgmt/diversity.asp>

BALANCING WORK AND PERSONAL LIFE

Ms. Alexandra Gressitt, Director of the Thomas Balch Library in Leesburg, Virginia, spoke at the 2008 Roundtable meeting about balancing our work life with personal and family life. She has graciously consented to allow the Roundtable to post her presentation on its website. You can read the full text of her presentation at http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/archmgmt/AG-SAA2008SF_082708.pdf Thank you Alexandra.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW WEB LIAISON

The Roundtable's website is located at <http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/archmgmt/> Your co-chairs would like to welcome Kate Rogge of the Kansas Historical Society as our new web liaison. Kate volunteered to take this responsibility on for the Roundtable for which we thank her.

ARCHIVES MANAGEMENT ROUNDTABLE LISTSERV

SAA's listserv for the Archives Management Roundtable is 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

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 .