

Archives Management Roundtable Newsletter

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Thank you and farewell from Daria and Lois. It has been our privilege to serve as your AMRT co-chairs for the last 3 years. We leave a roundtable that has come back to life. The flurry of exchanges on the list has been encouraging as has the attendance at the programs of our own AMRT meetings. The short articles about members' repositories in our newsletters have been good ways to get to know more about our membership. We thank each of you for your part in

revitalizing the AMRT. Every small step and each cooperative action has had a lasting impact, so that taken together and working together change has been possible.

The 2010 AMRT meeting will be on Wednesday August 11, 2010 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (location to be announced in the on-site program). We would love to see as many AMRT members as possible, especially those who might be attending a roundtable meeting for the first time. Salvador Barragan's *Project Management for Archivists: the "Tweet" Version* promises to be useful for everyone and should engender lots of discussion. We'll also hear from our Council representative, talk about the proposed SAA dues increase (see: <http://www2.archivists.org/news/2010/sustaining-saa-we-need-your-support>) and hold AMRT elections. Come reconnect with colleagues you may see only once a year and share a variety of treats, now a tradition for our oddly scheduled meetings.

Our partnership with the Records Management Roundtable through the innovative work of the Joint Working Group on Diversity in Archives and Records Management continues. Debra Kimok and Daria D'Arienzo co-chair the Working Group. The August 12th *Accessibility Forum* will offer the first SAA-wide opportunity to discuss and take action on issues of accessibility and access for colleagues and patrons. Please come and support this effort.

More good news from the Working Group. The SAA Standards Committee has recommended the slightly revised and updated versions of the Group's *Recommendations for Working with Archives Employees with Physical Disabilities* and *Recommendations for Working with Archives Researchers with Physical Disabilities* to Council for adoption as SAA best practices. (See: <http://www2.archivists.org/groups/amtrmrt-joint-working-group-on-diversity>) With luck, we will know the outcome before our AMRT meeting. This group keeps going strong.

In the meantime, check out the AMRT website ably maintained by our Web liaison, Kate Rogge. This year, SAA introduced a new open-source content management system, Drupal, that will mean some changes in the AMRT virtual presence. Kate will tackle this task in the months ahead so that our site adjusts to reflect Drupal's excellent content management features. Other changes are

pending. Next year (2011) AMRT elections will be conducted online, in keeping with the new SAA recommendations.

Finally, we thank Kate Rogge, Debra Kimok and Salvador Barragan for serving on the AMRT Steering Committee.

We hope to see many of you in Washington, DC in August.

Our gratitude to all our members and our very best,

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SAA CONFERENCE DC 2010

AMRT Roundtable Meeting

Wednesday August 11th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

Program: "*Project Management for Archivists: the 'Tweet' Version*"- From small to large, archivists are always doing projects. But does that make us good project managers? Salvador Barragan, Records Section Chief of the Inter-American Development Bank, will address keys to success and tools to take the heartache out of this necessary but sometimes tedious task. Business meeting and election will follow.

Archival Accessibility for All: An Awareness Forum

Thursday, August 12, 2010 from 12:15 - 1:30 p.m.

Program: Access and disability issues are human issues. They impact and include everyone. Join distinguished speakers and fellow archivists for SAA's first community forum focused on the very real issues of physical accessibility and access for colleagues and patrons in our archives. SAA has made a commitment as a professional organization to create accessible work places and research centers for all colleagues and patrons. Since 2008, a small SAA Working Group (Archives Management/Records Management Roundtables Joint Working Group on Diversity in Archives and Records Management) has been working to study and report on the status of employees and patrons with physical disabilities in archives, identify the challenges to accessibility, and develop tools and recommendations. The July, 2008 survey of employees with disabilities resulted in two preliminary papers (both 2009): *Recommendations for Working with Archives Employees with Physical Disabilities* and *Recommendations for Working with Archives Researchers with Physical Disabilities*. (See: <http://www2.archivists.org/groups/amrtrmt-joint-working-group-on-diversity> for the group's work.)

This Forum will provide an opportunity for an honest discussion of accessibility issues in the archival profession. Come share ideas and help chart a course for the future as we work together to create a foundation on which the profession can build as we make addressing disability and access issues a priority.

Please Come. Support Discussion of this Important Issue.

Speakers:

Chair, Daria D'Arienzo, Co-Coordinator, Joint Working Group

Mark Greene, Director, American Heritage Center, University of Wyoming; Past President SAA

Patrick Timony, Adaptive Technology Librarian, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, Washington, D.C.

Venetia V. Demson, Chief, Adaptive Services, D.C. Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Washington, D.C.

Standards Development Meeting: EAC-CPF

With the release of the Encoded Archival Context: Corporate Bodies, Persons, and Families (EAC-CPF) schema in March 2010, questions regarding implementation are looming large within the American archives community. NARA will host a full-day meeting in Washington, D.C., on Monday, August 9, to bring together stakeholders to discuss the important role that authority control plays in archival description and strategies for implementing EAC-CPF. For more information, click [here](#).

Repository Tours and Open Houses During *DC 2010*

Washington, D.C.-area archivists are opening their doors to *DC 2010* attendees on Tuesday, August 10, and Wednesday, August 11, and have they got sights for you to see! [Check out](#) the Library of Congress Preservation Directorate's new Collections Recovery Room, used to recover items that have experienced emergencies such as leaks or mold.

National Museum of American History to Host All-Attendee Reception

Newly remodeled and recently named the "Best Museum in D.C." (by *Southern Living* magazine), the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History will host the *DC 2010* All-Attendee Reception on Friday, August 13, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Here's your chance to meet up with colleagues while you view the awe-inspiring Star-Spangled Banner exhibit, the Greensboro Lunch Counter, Julia Child's Kitchen, Abraham Lincoln's Top Hat, and much more! Transportation will be provided from the Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel.

Session Materials Are Available Online!

DC 2010 participants are encouraged to submit their abstracts, presentations, and slides to the Conference Office both before and after *DC 2010/ARCHIVES*RECORDS*. Keep an eye on the [DC 2010](#) website; materials will be added as they are received. Abstracts, presentations, and slides from [2009](#) and [2008](#) are also available for browsing.

Reference, Access and Outreach Survey: Your Participation Appreciated

The Reference, Access, and Outreach Section Steering Committee is developing a resource document that describes the core skills and competencies necessary to be effective as reference, access, or outreach archivists. To build on the base of knowledge available in archival literature and other related professions, the committee developed a brief survey for those practicing in any of these three spheres of archival work. To receive a rich range of input that isn't predefined, there are a lot of open-ended questions. You may complete the survey over time as long as you use the same

computer throughout, and you can skip questions. All answers will remain confidential. The [survey](#) will be available through October 2010. For questions, please contact [Jill Severn](#).

What the Best-Dressed Archivists Will Wear in DC

Make a point to stop by the registration area August 11-12 during *DC 2010* to purchase a limited-edition t-shirt that proclaims "Archivists Make It Last Longer!" The SAA Preservation Section is selling shirts for \$20 each. All proceeds go to the National Disaster Recovery Fund for Archives. *Only 100 t-shirts available. First-come, first-served.*

SAA NEWS

NHPRC Reauthorization in Jeopardy!

On July 12, [the Senate](#) passed legislation ([S. 2872](#)) to reauthorize the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) at \$10 million for fiscal years 2010-2014. Unfortunately, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee has yet to schedule a markup of a bill ([H.R. 5616](#)) to reauthorize NHPRC at \$20 million for fiscal years 2011-2015. It is vitally important that [H.R. 5616](#), with an annual authorization level of \$20 million, pass the House and be reconciled with the Senate version before Congress adjourns in the fall. For that to happen, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee must take up the bill before the impending congressional recess, which begins the first week of August. **Please contact the Members of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee TODAY and urge them to support consideration and passage of [H.R. 5616](#) this month!** All Members of Congress can be reached via the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121. Letters, e-mails, and phone calls from constituents within each member's district are most effective, but so are contacts by individual members of national, state, regional, and local organizations. A list of the House Committee members, with direct links to their office websites and phone numbers, is available on the [National Coalition for History website](#) as is a briefing paper with information to assist in making your case for NHPRC.

Council Adopts Strategic Plan for 2010-2014

At its May 2010 meeting, the SAA Council adopted this newest version of our [Strategic Priorities](#), setting a future course for the organization that is guided by our members' needs and our shared values. Under development since February 2009, the plan draws on members' comments on earlier versions and on our collective experience with previous plans.

Council Proposes Phased-In Dues Increase Effective July 1, 2011

Based on a recommendation from the Finance Committee, the Council voted to put forward to the membership at the 2010 Annual Membership Meeting a motion that, effective July 1, 2011, a graduated dues increase be phased in over a three-year period. For a detailed explanation and analysis of the proposal, see SAA Treasurer Aimee Felkers article, ["Sustaining SAA: We Need Your Support!"](#)

INTERNATONAL NEWS

FIDA 2010: Call for Applications

The Trustees of the International Council on Archives (ICA) Fund for the International Development of Archives (FIDA) invite proposal submissions for ICA support for archives projects. FIDA "hopes to build capacity in countries where archive and records provision is weak and enable archives and their archivists to acquire professional and management competencies." Application deadline: July 31. For more details, click [here](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

American Archivist Now in JSTOR

Back issues of *American Archivist* are now available in JSTOR, the not-for-profit online digital archive. Researchers may access articles as full-text PDF files for searching, browsing, downloading, and printing from the journal's first year of publication (1938) up to the most recent three years. Users at institutions that participate in JSTOR's Arts & Sciences VI Collection can access back issues directly by visiting *American Archivist*'s [journal page](#). SAA is pleased to collaborate with JSTOR to preserve and make available this important body of scholarship.

ARCHIVES MANAGEMENT ROUNDTABLE WEBSITE

Our web liaison, Kate Rogge, can be reached at: krogge@kshs.org The Roundtable's website is located at <http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/archmgmt/>

ARCHIVES MANAGEMENT ROUNDTABLE LISTSERV

You may send questions, announcements or other messages to members of the Roundtable's listserv at: 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 Brenda Lawson from the Massachusetts Historical Society. Her term of office ends Sept 1, 2011. Should you have questions or concerns about this Roundtable or other matters, you may contact her at blawson@masshist.org