

Name of Section/Roundtable: Preservation Section
Date: November 23, 2012

Officers:

- Aimée Primeaux (Chair) 8/11/2012-8/17/2013
- Gina Minks (Vice Chair) 8/11/2012-8/17/2013

Report from annual meeting:

Number of attendees: #
Election results:

Gina Minks -- Vice Chair/Chair Elect

Elizabeth Joffrion -- Member at Large

Jane Long -- Nominating Committee

This year we had an impressive line-up of preservation specialists eager to talk about preservation in the 21st century at our annual conference business meeting. The inspiration for this topic came from hearing a number of discussions taking place around the field of preservation, but not necessarily within the community itself. Our speakers addressed education, professional responsibility, digital preservation, and new partnerships and collaborations. This conversation dovetailed with Session 110 "Partnerships New and Old: Preservation in the 21st Century," where digital archivists and preservation administrators discussed the place of digital preservation today as realized by archivists, technologists and preservation specialists.

The following speakers participated in this panel:

Michele Cloonan, Professor and former Dean, GSLIS, Simmons College

"The Pedagogy of Preservation"

Ann Marie Willer, Preservation Librarian, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

"Other Duties as Assigned: The Evolving Responsibilities of Preservation Administrators" (see attachment below)

Ian Bogus, MacDonald Curator of Preservation, University of Pennsylvania

"Digital Preservation: It's More Familiar Than You Think!" (see attachment below)

Karen Gracy, Assistant Professor, SLIS, Kent State

"Preservation Education: A Research Agenda for the Next Decade and Beyond"

PowerPoint presentations are posted on the Section's webpage.

Completed projects/activities:

Outreach / Communications Committee:

- Coordinated the Preservation Week 2012 Resource page
- Publicized the on-site fundraising project at the Annual Meeting in San Diego and assisted in sales
- Coordinated attendance roster and distribution of agenda at the Section Business Meeting in San Diego

Web Report:

The majority of the work by the web committee was focused on completing the transition to the new Preservation Section web presence on SAA's Drupal site.

This work included the following:

- Reorganizing structure of micro-site
 - Supriya and Lance communicating about best ways to organize the site
 - Creating a new side menu that forms the navigational backbone
 - Creating several new landing pages that serve as hubs for annual events like Preservation Week and the annual meeting
 - Highlighting some content that was hard to locate before, including section reports and mission
- Cleaning up some pages that were orphaned during the migration to Drupal
- Several legacy pages, especially some older bibliographies, were not linked from any of the new pages. This content was located, cleaned up, and incorporated in the new structure
- Ongoing support of the Section
 - Supriya and Lance have worked to post information to the site and triage problems faced by Steering Committee members posting content

Education Committee:

In 2011-2012 the education committee focused on revising the preservation resources page of the preservation section website. Categories were refreshed, links added and updated, and with the help of a volunteer, Dyani Feige, the annual bibliography of "Selected Readings in Preservation" was revived after a ten-year hiatus. Dyani covered the years from 2009 to 2011. Another volunteer is working on updating the list of Other Professional Preservation Groups and Departments.

Nominating Committee:

The nominating committee recruited people to serve in all Steering Committee positions, and was able to find enough people so that no one ran unopposed.

Program Committee:

The program committee Chair coordinated the session endorsements for the 2012 Annual Meeting and arranged worked with the Section Chair to arrange for speakers at the Business meeting.

Disaster Relief Fundraiser:

Each year we sell a product at the annual meeting to raise money for the National Disaster Recovery Fund for Archives. This year we sold aprons with the SAA logo on it and raised over \$1100 for the fund.

Preservation Week:

For the second year in a row we released an e-poster for Preservation Week and featured a “Preservation Week Activities and Events” page on our website:
<http://www2.archivists.org/groups/preservation-section/preservation-week-2012>.

Ongoing projects/activities:

- Regular Steering Committee conference calls (these are held nearly every month and are generously hosted by our members’ institutions)
- Participation in the SAA Standards Portal
 - Review standards that pertain to Preservation
 - Encourage the development of preservation standards where appropriate
- Development of “Selected Readings in Preservation”

New projects/activities:

- Outreach to membership: we are exploring ways to involve more members of the Section. We have enlisted volunteers to help with updating the preservation bibliography, and are looking for other ways that people can help.
- Providing value to the Section: One way to add value to Section membership is by providing articles, or just simple updates via the listserv on things such as Hurricane Sandy recovery, Preservation standards up for review, etc. This is difficult since everyone is already very busy. We are exploring ways to leverage partnerships, and share publications that come out from other professional organizations, such as ALA and AIC. We could also solicit articles from the membership, which could be posted in Archival Outlook or on our website.

Strategic Priority - Technology initiatives:

We would like to build out functionality of the micro-site as much as possible. There have been discussions of blogs and other social media avenues, but most members of the Steering Committee remain convinced that these would be too much work over the long term.

Strategic Priority - Diversity initiatives:

We are open to ideas about diversity initiatives, but do not currently have one.

Strategic Priority - Advocacy/Public Awareness initiatives:

- We try to use the listserv to disseminate pertinent information to our members. For example, we sent out messages about the Georgia Archives closure before the information was posted on the SAA website.
- We send out a message reminding members about SAA's National Disaster Recovery Fund for Archives, and send a message letting members know that an award had been made.