

Metadata and Digital Object Section

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ACTIVITIES

Completed

Review of all microsite content and recommendations for updates. Programming for annual section meeting in Portland.

Ongoing

Maintaining microsite as useful resource for members and others interested in digital object metadata. Developing and sustaining venues to foster information exchange and connections among section membership.

New

Both calls for new steering committee members were unsuccessful, with some members expressing interest but then withdrawing for work or personal reasons. The committee will meet in September to develop a recruiting plan and other goals for the upcoming year.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

Our social media presence enables advocacy both within and beyond the profession, illuminating the importance of metadata and digital collections.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

For our annual meeting, we decided we wanted to provide a venue for members who were perhaps intimidated by the thought of a formal presentation or panel. We sent out a deliberately light-hearted call for lightning talk proposals in the form of a Metadata Story Hour, and received several responses, including some from those new to SAA and/or the annual meeting. The lightning talk model allowed less-experienced speakers to start small with getting more involved in MDOS and SAA.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

Our annual meeting and listserv discussions promote information sharing and networking that enables members to advance their interests and projects.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

The section provides a valuable resource for engaging with other practitioners, asking questions, and sharing expertise.

ANNUAL MEETING

Number of Attendees: 100

Summary of Meeting Activities: Our annual meeting featured five lightning talks: Megan Burdi - Crowdsourcing the Smithsonian Transcription Center Rebecca L. Hankins - A Catalyst for Social Activism: The Digital Black Bibliographic Project at Texas A&M University Ashley Levine - Adobe Bridge and Quick Metadata Embedding Jennifer Pelose - Processing for the Camera: Envisioning Digital Object Delivery Ruth K. Tillman - Stalin and ampersands and Lebenen, oh my! A lively question-and-answer period followed, with some attendees staying afterward to continue the discussion one-on-one.