

## Metadata and Digital Object Section

Council Liaison: Bertram Lyons / Meg Tuomala (incoming)

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### 2018-2019 Steering Committee Roster

Co-Chair	Blake	Graham	University of Nebraska at Lincoln	2/22/2018	8/7/2019
Steering Committee Member	Laurel	Mcphee	University of California, San Diego	8/6/2016	8/7/2019
Steering Committee Member	Elisa	Landaverde	Michigan State University Libraries	2/22/2018	8/9/2020
Steering Committee Member	Courtney	Butler	Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City	2/22/2018	8/9/2020
Steering Committee Member	Angela	White	Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis	8/18/2018	8/7/2021
Web Liaison	Aaron	Speight	Western Governors University	8/22/2015	8/3/2019
Social Media Coordinator	Rebecca	Pattillo	University of Louisville	2/22/2018	8/9/2020
Council Liaison	Bertram	Lyons	AVPreserve	8/6/2016	8/15/2019

### ACTIVITIES

**Completed:** Due to a lack of nominations for co-chair during the regular election cycle in 2018, the MDOS Steering Committee organized a Special Election in the fall of 2018. Three nominations were submitted, and Carolyn Runyon was elected by MDOS members to serve in the co-chair position. In fall 2018, MDOS also reached out to Web Archiving Section Steering Committee leadership to inquire about hosting a joint session. After agreeing on a MDOS-WAS joint annual meeting, volunteers from both steering committees immediately began planning for the event, which continued through spring 2019. In spring 2019, the co-chairs and web liaison worked with SAA to find a solution for the missing roster for MDOS section leadership -- an issue that affected all section microsites when SAA updated the website platform.

MDOS Steering Committee members revised the “Metadata Directory” resource page on the MDOS microsite. The older version of the microsite, which contained formatting and renderability issues, has been reformatted to PDF for members to download if necessary. The Steering Committee believes these microsite changes will improve members’ ability to navigate educational resources that provide valuable information on metadata standards and practices.

**Ongoing:** The Steering Committee continues to have conversations exploring new ways to engage members on social media accounts and other platforms is also continuing. Steering Committee members have a strong desire to connect members in new ways to educational opportunities and keep members informed on news and activities across the profession.

Despite advertising open positions on the MDOS listserv in a call for candidates, the section failed to attract candidates for three steering committee members during the regular election cycle in 2019. The Steering Committee will host a special election for a committee co-chair, three committee members (including and Education Coordinator and Web Liaison), and Council Liaison. The committee plans to arrange the special election this fall to fill vacancies.

The Steering Committee will also continue planning for the annual meeting.

**New:** Steering Committee members plan to review the current MDOS Standing Rules, and propose changes in spring 2020.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN**

### **Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists**

The steering committee continues to engage archivists, archives enthusiasts, and different publics through MDOS social media accounts, and respond to and engage with colleagues on the MDOS listserv. (see Goal 1.1)

### **Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth**

The 2019 joint annual meeting between WAS and MDOS provided a venue to explore challenging topics on web archiving and metadata standards and practices. The event was organized as a debate panel discussion, with a designated host leading questions while panelists respond. By exploring the pros and cons of particular methods and practices, and also discussing the challenges involved with particular approaches, members from both sections were able to engage in professional discourse and learn from and inspire each other. (see Goal 2.3 and 2.4)

### **Goal 3: Advancing the Field**

The Steering Committee revised an outdated metadata page listed on the MDOS microsite. The new resource offers MDOS members with links and overviews to external guides and reference materials about metadata standards and practices. In addition, the MDOS Steering Committee is continuing to evaluate the Standing Rules of MDOS, and consider revisions that will improve steering committee recruitment and opportunities for collaboration, education, and positive change. (see Goal 3.1 and 3.3)

### **Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs**

Feedback from a 2018 survey distributed to MDOS members revealed that many members would like more educational events and opportunities announced or hosted by MDOS. To accommodate this, the steering committee decided to collaborate with another section in the 2018-2019 year to offer a debate panel event during the WAS and MDOS annual meetings. Next year's goals include continuing to meet members' needs and explore new ways to engage archivist communities.

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

**Number of Attendees:** Approximately 220

**Summary of Meeting Activities:** The purpose of this annual meeting is to coordinate a debate-style panel session involving members from Web Archiving and Metadata and Digital Object

Sections. The panel session is intended to be fun, engaging, and include interactive components. Annual reports will be provided by each section at the beginning of the event, followed by the debate session. Notes from the annual meeting can be found here:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PYpYE11TIU6tHNQXyrZBUIEDJPnHbaswueKXfON\\_cE4/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PYpYE11TIU6tHNQXyrZBUIEDJPnHbaswueKXfON_cE4/edit?usp=sharing)

**Link to Meeting Minutes:**

**QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL**

None at present.