



# Annual Business Meeting

July 24, 2024

# Agenda

## I. Business (30 minutes)

- Welcome and chair's report (Tara)
- Vice-chair's report (Laura)
- Newsletter editor report (Kelly S.)
- Web Liaison report (Kelli Y.)
- Council Liaison report (Terry)
- New Business
  - Survey results (Tara)

## II. Program (1 hour)

- “Reparative Description at the Dallas Museum of Art: From Audit to Access”  
*Hillary Bober, Archivist, and Zoe Heinsohn, Assistant Archivist, Dallas Museum of Art*
- “Files, Fields, & Schedules in an Art Museum Archive: The Case for Redescribing Legacy Records”  
*Jenna Stout, Museum Archivist, Saint Louis Art Museum*
- “Migrating History: How Digital Asset Migrations Inspire Change”  
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## Museum Archives Symposium

CO-ORGANIZED BY THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN  
ARCHIVISTS' MUSEUM ARCHIVES SECTION  
AND THE YALE CENTER FOR BRITISH ART

Attendance: 39 onsite, 399 views during livestream, 93 peak concurrent livestream viewers

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/live/Laib39z-mLs>

Program:  
<https://www2.archivists.org/groups/museum-archives-section/2024-museum-archives-symposium>

# Pop-Ups

Average attendance: 47

09/21/2023	Joe Schill, “The GLAM Life: Working in Museum Archives”
10/16/2023	Brenda Gunn, “Is ALI [Archives Leadership Institute] for You? Yes!!”
12/07/2023	Amanda Staley Harrison, “Out of the File Cabinet and onto the Wall: Using Archives Materials in Museum Exhibits”
06/12/2024	Dustin DePue, “Growing Pains: The Challenges and Opportunities of Moving to the Pritzker Military Archives Center”

# Tour @ SAA, Adler Planetarium

- Wednesday, August 14
- 11:00 AM tour, <https://forms.gle/QWMTz61Qn3N8jDZC6>
- 2:30 PM tour, <https://forms.gle/q4PpumDHafFrumtu8A>



Image from Adler Planetarium



# SAA Museum Archives Section Survey, Winter 2024

# Q1: What should MAS's priorities be in the next 1-3 years? (Choose 3)

Answered: 19 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Regularly scheduled online presentations/pop-ups	84.21%	16
Half-day symposium focusing on museum archives (scroll down the linked page for info on past symposia)	47.37%	9
In-person museum archives tour at annual meeting	47.37%	9
Updating Standards and Best Practices Resource Guide	42.11%	8
Informal social/networking opportunities onsite at the SAA Annual Meeting	21.05%	4
Updating the MAS website	21.05%	4
Offering curated/facilitated topics on list-serv	15.79%	3
Special projects around relevant topics (akin to past projects)	15.79%	3
Collaborate with other sections for projects or events	5.26%	1
TOTAL		57

## Q2: If we organize a half-day symposium, do you prefer it to be virtual or in person?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Virtual	42.11%	8
In-person	21.05%	4
Either is fine with me	36.84%	7
TOTAL		19

## Q3: If we had a virtual half-day symposium, when would you prefer for it to be?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Around the annual meeting (summer)	36.84%	7
No preference	36.84%	7
Other time of year	26.32%	5
TOTAL		19



## Q4: How important is it to you to have a section-related event on-site at the SAA annual meeting?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Moderately important	36.84%	7
Not Important	21.05%	4
Very Important	15.79%	3
Important	15.79%	3
Slightly Important	10.53%	2
TOTAL		19

## Q5: What topics would you like covered in section-provided learning opportunities? (Choose up to 5)

Answered: 19 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Digital Preservation	57.89%	11
Policy/procedure development	52.63%	10
Specific platforms or tools (ex. ArchivesSpace, Preservica, Omeka, etc.)	42.11%	8
Acquisitions/collection development/appraisal	36.84%	7
Records management	36.84%	7
Advocacy	31.58%	6
Collection management	31.58%	6
Environmental care	31.58%	6
Outreach activities	31.58%	6
Description	21.05%	4
Processing	21.05%	4
Other	21.05%	4

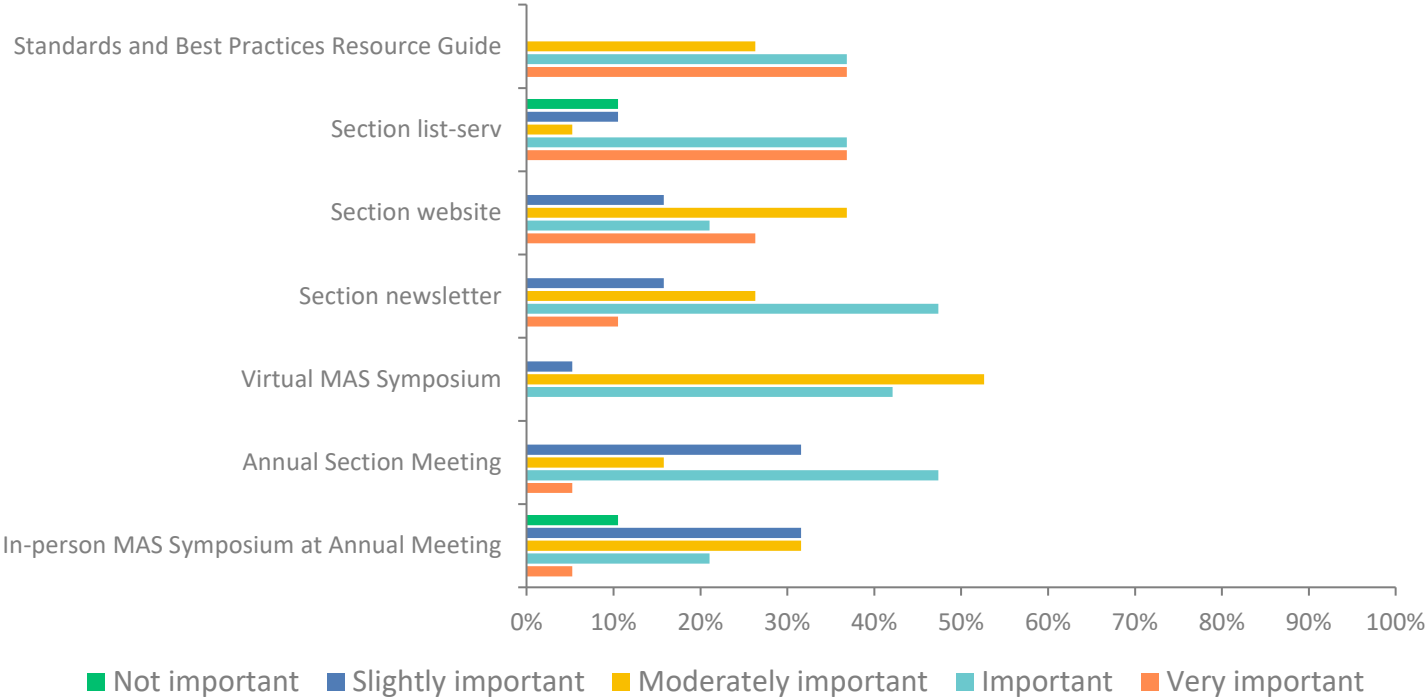
## Q5: What topics would you like covered in section-provided learning opportunities? (Choose up to 5)

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Exhibitions	10.53%	2
Managing student workers	10.53%	2
Research and Public Services	10.53%	2
Digitization	5.26%	1
Managing staff	5.26%	1
Managing volunteers	5.26%	1
Social media	5.26%	1
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	0%	0
Instruction	0%	0

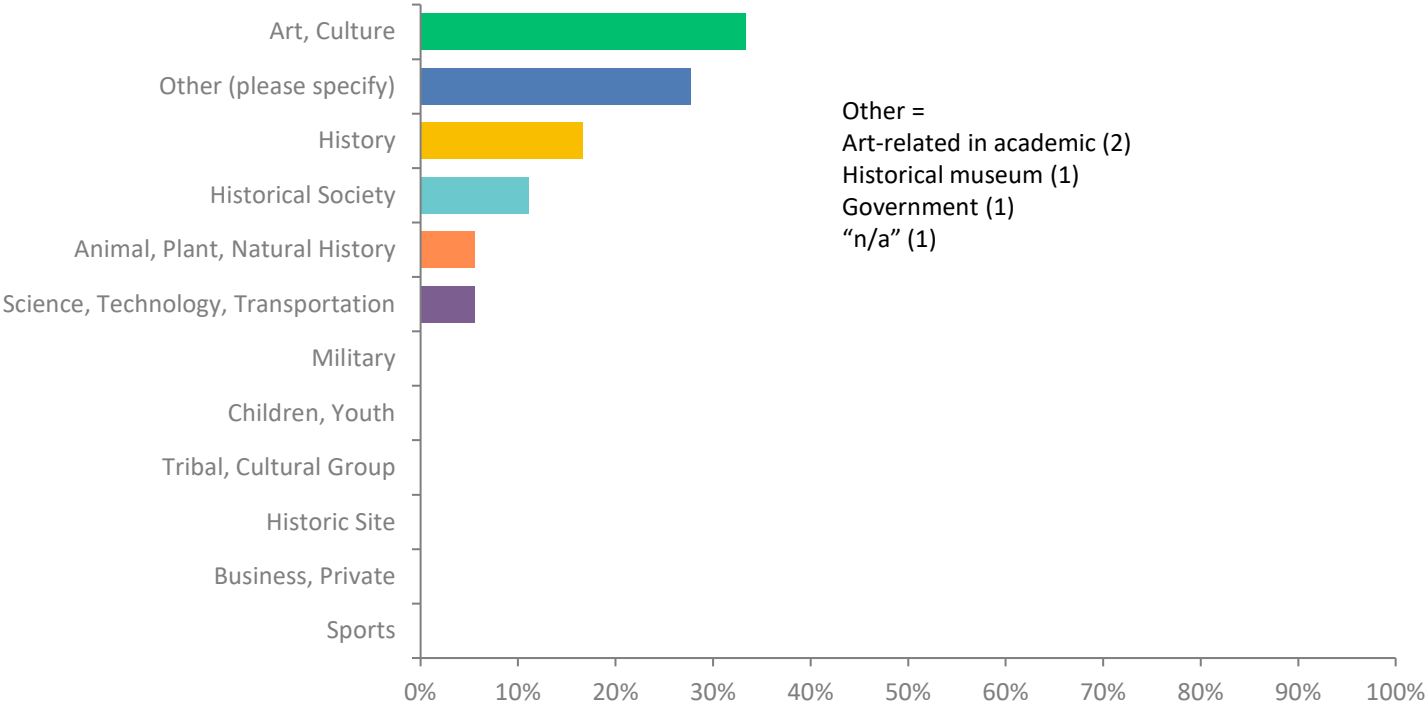
# Q7: How important are the various MAS activities or resources to you?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 0



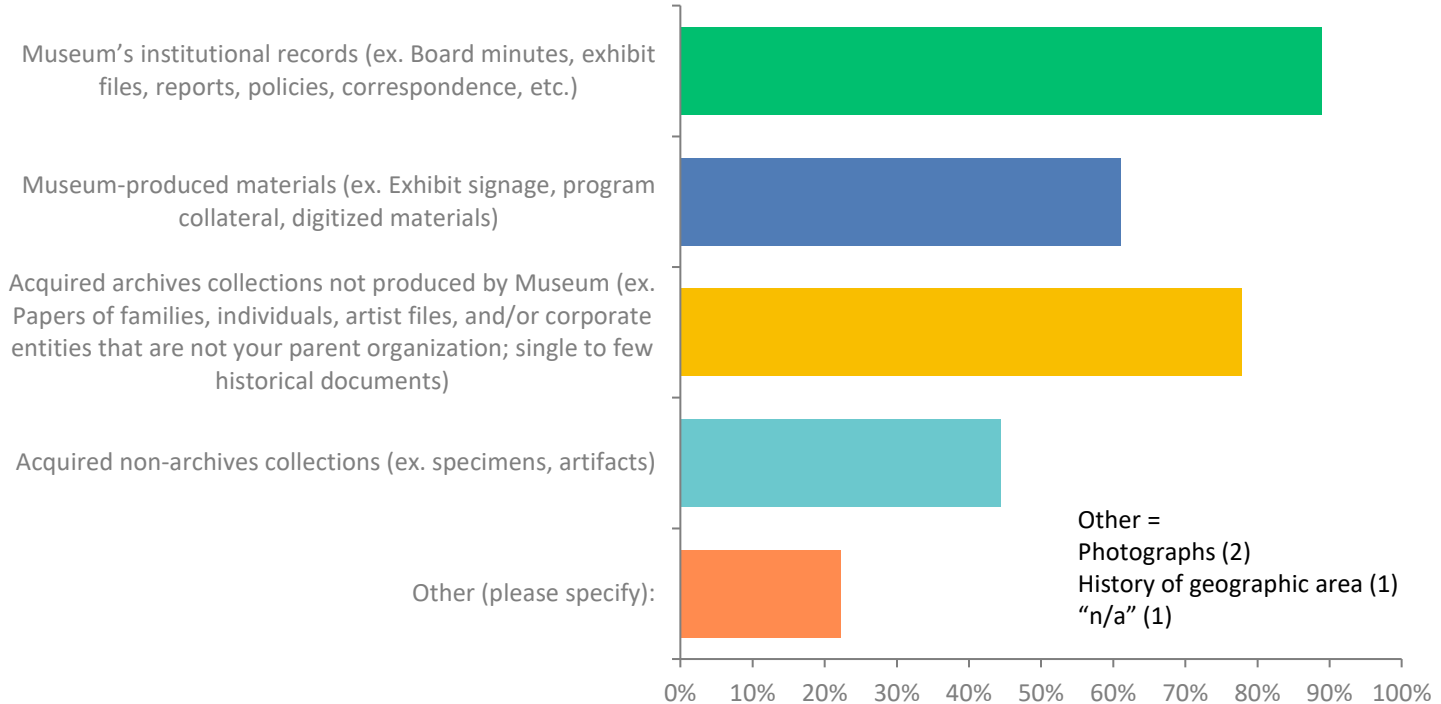
# Q17: What type of museum is your home institution?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 1



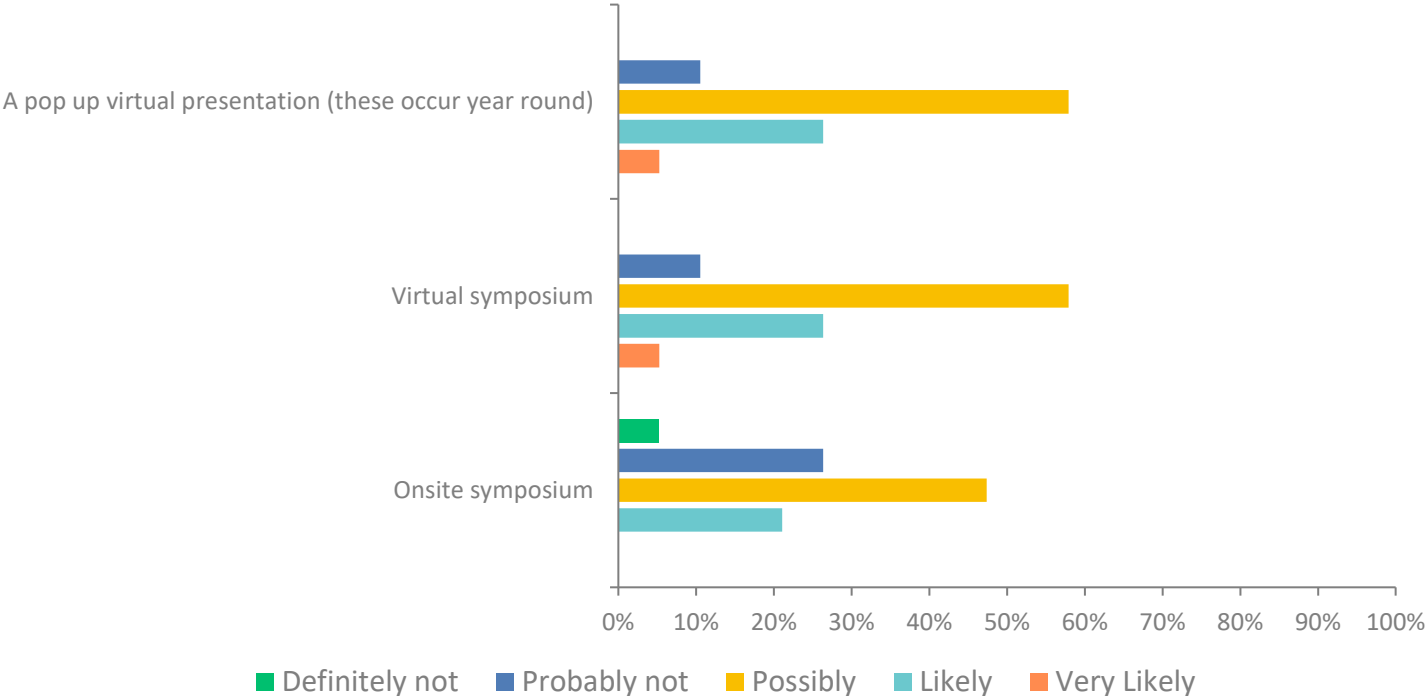
# Q18: What kinds of archives does your museum collect and steward? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 18 Skipped: 1



# Q9: Generally, how likely are you to volunteer to present at the following:

Answered: 19 Skipped: 0



## Q12: Are you interested in serving on the Section Steering Committee? (See Section F. Duties of Officers in the Standing Rules.)

Answered: 19 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very interested	10.53%	2
Interested	10.53%	2
Possibly	26.32%	5
Probably not interested	36.84%	7
Not interested	15.79%	3
TOTAL		19



# Takeaways

- Participate! Can't do it without you!
- Pop-ups
- Tour @ SAA
- Schedule for updating the Standards and Best Practices Resource Guide

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# Program



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