

Name of Section/Roundtable: Archivists' Toolkit/Archon Roundtable (ATART)
Date: November 13, 2013

Officers:

- Cassie Schmitt (Chair) 2012-2013
- Sasha Griffin (Vice Chair) 2012-2013
- Michelle Belden (Web Liaison) 2012-2013
- Kyle Rimkus (Steering Committee) 2012-2013
- Nancy Enneking (Steering Committee) 2012-2013
- Rachel Wise (Steering Committee) 2012-2013
- Brad Westbrook (Ex-Officio)
- Scott Schwartz (Ex-Officio)
- Bill Landis (Council Liaison)

Report from annual meeting:

- Number of attendees: 214 (194 physical attendees, 20 streaming audience)
- Election Results:
 - Incoming officers:
 - Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: Jillian Cuellar
 - Steering Committee Members: Nathan Tallman, Gordon Daines, Christine de Catanzaro
 - Continuing officers:
 - Chair: Sasha Griffin
 - Web Liaison: Michelle Belden
- 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes:
<http://www2.archivists.org/groups/archivists-toolkitarchon-roundtable/2013-ataart-annual-meeting-minutes>

Completed projects/activities:

- Archon URL Live Examples spreadsheet:
 - ATART started hosting a spreadsheet for those who are using Archon to share their live URLs. The resulting list is a great resource for those who are curious as to how other institutions and organizations are using Archon and their customizations to their public interface.
 - Spreadsheet link:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AoFSQ1pYqkhZdHFwd3FxyWIPTkZucTlnRXhicnlIZ1E&usp=sharing>
- Letter to AchivesSpace
 - When ASpace released their membership model, there was a great amount of feedback and conversation on the discussion list. To make the conversations more constructive and to funnel it all into a unified voice, the ATART Chair Cassie Schmitt and Vice-Chair Sasha Griffin gathered member comments via Google survey, put it into a letter, and distributed to the ArchiveSpace project team on behalf of the roundtable constituency.
 - Open letter:
<http://www2.archivists.org/groups/archivists-toolkitarchon-roundtable/open-letter-to-the-archivesspace-project-team-april-17-2013>

- Additionally, Schmitt and Griffin followed up by distributing the ASpace response to the member constituency and that response was the building block of the ASpace Q&A panel during our ATART annual meeting.
 - Response:
 - <http://www2.archivists.org/groups/archivists-toolkitarchon-roundtable/archivesspace-response-to-atart-questions>

Ongoing projects/activities:

- The future of ATART
 - With the release of ArchivesSpace and the announcements that AT and Archon will no longer be supported as they traditionally were, the ATART Steering Committee continues to have discussions about the future of the roundtable, changing its missions and goals, and the roles of the ex-officio members. This conversation started as a Steering Committee discussion during the 2012-2013 year and started as a roundtable wide conversation during the August 2013 annual meeting.

New projects/activities:

- Live Streaming the ATART Annual Meeting
 - ATART successfully live-streamed their roundtable meeting to its members who were unable to attend the meeting in New Orleans, LA. ATART utilized ustream.tv, which cost nothing and the only equipment that was required was a computer with a webcam. The streaming increased the "attendance" to the meeting by nearly 85%. The live stream had 29 unique live viewers and the recorded video had 113 views by the end of that day.
 - Recorded video:
 - <http://www2.archivists.org/groups/archivists-toolkitarchon-roundtable/video-of-atart-annual-meeting-2013-now-online>
 - See also: Griffin, Sasha. "Streaming Is Believing: Live Broadcasting a Roundtable Meeting from New Orleans." *Archival Outlook* (Sept./Oct. 2013): 15, 36.
- ATART survey
 - During the 2013 August annual meeting, ATART members were asked to raise their hand if a number of questions pertained to them. While it was great anecdotal information at the time, it was necessary to broaden to the entire membership. Chair Sasha Griffin led the Steering Committee in drafting a survey to be sent to the membership asking about the same questions. After it was released, the Steering Committee recommended that it be released into the wider A&A membership, so as to also get the opinions of those who may not currently be members, but who may join in the future. Survey results will be analyzed and used as a foundation for moving the roundtable forward.

Strategic Priority - Technology initiatives:

- As the ATART survey results are published, this will open the doors to address many of the needs coming forth in terms of collection management systems. ATART will learn how to best support the archival profession and will take steps in 2013-2014 to evolve as needed. ATART is understanding that while AT and Archon are not formally supported by their traditional means, a large group of institutions will continue using these two collection management tools. This means that having a community where users can find support is more important now than ever.
- ATART's success in live-streaming the annual roundtable meeting has paved the way for more

component groups to engage with their constituencies who may be unable to attend the national meeting. The streaming service was free and the equipment was low-tech. The impact not only helped with general roundtable participation, but also connected physical attendees with streaming viewers via social media (Twitter).

Strategic Priority - Diversity initiatives:

Strategic Priority - Advocacy/Public Awareness initiatives:

Questions/concerns for Council attention:

ATART was in a unique position during 2012-2013. While some of the roundtable leadership also was part of the ArchivesSpace project leadership, it was important to the Steering Committee and Officers to balance advocating on behalf of our members while also allowing ArchivesSpace to do their project. As we continue into 2013-2014, the ATART leadership wants to continue managing this balance. The roundtable wants to ensure that we are a safe space for all archivists, regardless of technical background or know-how, to ask questions and obtain objective answers in order to build a community of users. The roundtable leadership wants to ensure that the space is not used to “peddle” any specific product, but instead be a reliable place for user communication. The roundtable also wants to support the ArchivesSpace team and the future of this collection management tool from a professional standpoint. There is concern about what role ATART will play in supporting all of these endeavors and whether we can continue straddling the growing divide. This may result in ATART changing its focus away from specific products as in the past and becoming more generic in our community space. Council can expect to see some proposed mission/goal/by-laws changes in the next few years.