

Annual Report to Council, 2010

The Society of American Archivists' Science, Technology and Healthcare (STHC) Roundtable is a forum for archivists with interest and/or holdings in the natural and social sciences, technology, and health care. STHC provides a means for its members to exchange information, solve problems, and share successes. Within SAA, the Roundtable serves as an advocate for its members' interests, provides avenues of communication, and engages in special projects. It provides STHC archivists opportunities to network, virtually and electronically, and provides SAA a medium through which to respond to national and international archival issues on behalf of the STHC community.

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2010 SAA Annual Meeting Report

The Roundtable endorsed two session proposals for the 2010 meeting, the maximum number allowable. One of these was selected by the Program Committee for inclusion in the annual meeting. "Providing Web Access to Medical and Health-Related Visual Materials for Diverse Users," Session #203, featured Timothy Wisniewski of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions,

Ginny Roth of the National Library of Medicine, and Polina Ilieva from the University of California – San Francisco.

2010 STHC Roundtable Meeting Report

The Roundtable's annual meeting was held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel on Aug. 11 from 5:30 to 7:30. 40 people attended.

John Rees, Curator of Archives & Modern Manuscripts in the National Library of Medicine's History of Medicine Division, was unanimously elected STHC Roundtable Co-Chair for the 2010-2012 term. He will be joined by Co-Chair Judith Wiener who serves through August 2011.

The meeting also saw two long-standing Steering Committee members, Ewa Basinska of MIT and Rose Roberto of the University of Leeds (UK), rotate off the Committee. Roberto also served as STHC webmaster for several years, continuing her role even when she moved to Britain. The meeting acknowledged her contribution to the Roundtable with a round of applause. Danielle Castronova (California Academy of Sciences) has joined the Steering Committee since last year's meeting. Polina Ilieva (UC-San Francisco), Roberto's successor as webmaster, was added to the Steering Committee at this meeting.

The program portion of the meeting featured two presentations. John Rees spoke about the finding aids consortium in the history of medicine that the National Library of Medicine is developing. It enables researchers to search subjects across finding aids at different institutions. At present only six institutions are included but NLM hopes to enlarge this in the future.

Jane Odom, Chief Archivist at NASA Headquarters in Washington, and April Gage, archivist at the NASA Ames Research Center History Office, discussed NASA's archival holdings and operations. Each speaker gave an overview of her collections, reference services, clientele, and general experiences and challenges.

The Co-Chairs announced that as of Aug. 9, 2010, STHC had 237 people subscribed to its listserv.

Phoebe Evans Letocha of Johns Hopkins discussed the proposed changes to the HIPAA Privacy Rule and how they could affect medical archival collections. SAA will, most likely, provide commentary on the changes to the rule and STHC leadership will be invited to provide input

An appeal was made for program sessions proposals for the 2011 annual meeting in Chicago.

STHC Projects

I. *Archival Elements*: The STHC newsletter, *Archival Elements*, was posted online to the STHC website in PDF format in early August prior to the 2010 SAA meeting in Washington. This year's edition was the first issued under our new editor, Liz Phillips.

The 2010 *Archival Elements* contained the following articles:

- 1) “Born-Digital Materials at Stanford” by Glynn Edwards.
- 2) “HoPE is Alive and Well at the American Institute of Physics” by Orville Butler and Joe Anderson

Shorter submissions from members included an article on a new subject guide to health-related archival collections at the University of Mississippi, grant announcements, and notices of forthcoming conferences.

II. Website: Earlier in the year long-time STHC webmaster, Rose Roberto, announced she was stepping down. She generously offered to stay on through the August meeting in order to work with her replacement on migrating the roundtable website to the new SAA Drupal platform.

The Steering Committee sent out a call for a new webmaster via both the STHC and Archives & Archivists listservs and we were happy to have several strong candidates step forward. We chose Polina Ilieva from the University of California – San Francisco, who formally became webmaster at the August meeting. Rose and Polina, working with SAA staff, managed a successful transfer of the STHC website to the SAA platform in early August. It can now be found at <http://www2.archivists.org/groups/science-technology-and-healthcare-roundtable>

As with the former site, the new STHC website contains:

- description of STHC
- general announcements of interest to members
- list of Steering Committee members with contact information
- annual meeting minutes, 2005-2009
- *Archival Elements* newsletter, 2000-2010
- STHC Report to Council, 2002-2003, 2005-2009
- STHC Leadership Handbook
- HIPAA resource page
- information on subscribing to the SAA hosted STHC listserv

Agendas for the Roundtable and the Steering Committee meetings were posted online prior to the Washington meeting, as was the 2010 issue of *Archival Elements* (see above).

III. Listserv: As mentioned above, as of August 9, 2010, 237 persons were subscribed to the STHC listserv. It remains the primary tool for communicating with archivists with an interest in the archives of science, technology, and the health sciences.

IV. SAA Program: As noted above, one STHC-endorsed session was selected for the 2010 Washington program.

V. Diversity Initiatives: None.

Respectfully submitted,

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