

## **Annual Report to Council, 2011**

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.

### **Roundtable Officers, 2010-2011**

#### Co-Chairs

Judith A. Wiener, Senior Co-Chair (Ohio State University Medical Heritage Center)

John P. Rees, Junior Co-Chair (National Library of Medicine)

#### Newsletter

Elizabeth Phillips, Editor (University of California – Davis)

#### Webmaster

Polina E. Ilieva (University of California, San Francisco)

#### Steering Committee

R. Joseph Anderson (American Institute of Physics)

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### **2011 SAA Annual Meeting Report**

The Roundtable's annual meeting was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:15 to 5:15. 31 people attended.

Danielle Castronovo (California Academy of Sciences), was unanimously elected STHC Roundtable Co-Chair for the 2011-2013 term. She will be joined by Co-Chair John Rees who serves through August 2012

#### Business portion of the meeting:

- Round robin of introductions of all meeting attendees
- Council Representative report: Tom Frusciano
- 2012 Program Representative report: Ric Ferrante
- Approval of 2010 meeting minutes with one correction—Tom Frusciano gave Council report, not Ken Thibodeau

- Leadership activities update: Judith Wiener
  - Thanked SAA for the last minute A/V support
  - STHC mission statement resolution—we had several slightly inconsistent statements on our various websites
- Newsletter report: Liz Phillips
  - We had a great year with lots of good submissions
  - Lots of new contributors and thus lots of new voices being heard within our Roundtable community
- Website update: Polina Ilieva
  - Drupal transition at SAA completed
  - new STHC graphics coming soon
  - call for presentations to be delivered post-meeting for inclusion on the web site for benefit of those who could attend
- Listserv: subscriber numbers not available from SAA yet; will be reported post-meeting
- Steering Committee: Wiener
  - now at its full complement
- STHC Co-Chair Candidate Report: Judy Weiner
  - Danielle Castronovo nominated for incoming co-chair
- SAA 2011 Annual Meeting Sessions Proposal Report: Judy Wiener
  - STHC endorsed two proposals and both were accepted onto the 2011 program:
    - Session 508. Is There an Archivist in the House? How Health Information Technologies are Changing Archival Practice
    - Session 602. Exploring the Evolution of Access: Classified, Privacy, and Proprietary Restrictions
- Open Floor--HIPAA rule making change update: Phoebe Evans Letocha
  - SAA submitted its official comments on proposed changes to HIPAA legislation with input from several STHC members. Area of particular interest is access to decedent information
  - Hearsay is DHHS will make its final report at the end of 2011

Program portion of the meeting:

- Kenneth Thibodeau reported on his involvement with the exchange and preservation of electronic health records
- Joan Klein of the University of Virginia Health Sciences Library presented “A History of Cancer Care at the University of Virginia, 1901-2011”
- Melanie Mueller of the American Institute of Physics presented “From Boxes to Bytes: Digitizing the Papers of Samuel A. Goudsmit”

Election of new junior co-chair:

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Call for New Business: n/a

2012 Session Proposal Brainstorming

## **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 2011 SAA meeting in Chicago.

The 2010 *Archival Elements* contained the following major articles:

- 1) “Graduate Students and the Archives: Research Instruction in Science, Technology, and Health Care Collections” by Stephanie Crowe
- 2) “Meeting User Expectations in the Digital Age: Improving Access at the National Center for Atmospheric Research Archives” by Kate Legg
- 3) “The Patricia Stocking Brown Papers: A Case Study in the Use of Digital Exhibits for Representing Women Scientists” by Eugenia Kim
- 4) Book review: Bill Bryson’s *Seeing Further: The Story of Science and the Royal Society* by Rose Roberto

Shorter submissions from members included announcement of new plant anatomy digital collection at UC Santa Barbara, acquisition of a major flight safety library at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, California Academy of Sciences Library’s IMLS National Leadership Grant “Connecting Content,” Columbia University’s Health Sciences Library purchase of the George Huntington Papers, grant announcements, and notices of forthcoming conferences.

**II. Website:** Under new webmaster Polina E. Ilieva’s leadership, the STHC website completed its transition to Drupal and will be incorporating new social media features as rolled out by SAA. We also reconciled our slightly different mission statements on our two websites.

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, 2005-2010
- Archival Elements* newsletter, 2000-2011
- STHC Report to Council, 2002-2003, 2005-2010
- 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 2011 issue of *Archival Elements* (see above).

**III. Listserv:** As of August 31, 2011, 334 persons were subscribed to the STHC listserv. This represents an increase from the 237 subscribers in 2010. 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 both STHC-endorsed sessions were selected for the 2011 Chicago program.

**V. Joan Warnow-Blewett Honor:** an internal committee of volunteers is working to develop an appropriate annual honorarium to recognize the career of SAA Fellow and long-time STHC member Joan Warnow-Blewett, to be implemented sometime 2012-2013.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith A. Wiener, Co-chair (The Ohio State University Medical Heritage Center)  
John P. Rees, Junior Co-Chair (National Library of Medicine)