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Archival Worker Labor Task Force Annual Report

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Executive Summary (up to 300 words)

The Archival Worker Labor Task Force (AWLTF) was charged by SAA Council in May 2023 to identify, analyze, and prioritize archival worker labor issues that SAA can influence. It was delayed in forming until early 2025. The task force kickoff meeting took place on July 16, 2025, with a subsequent meeting on August 13, 2025. The group plans to meet monthly going forward, with the September meeting dedicated to strategic planning.

Contextual Information (up to 500 words)

AWLTF will soon engage in strategic planning to identify short- and long-term goals for the group that align with the TF charge. The co-chairs are currently working to submit a request to Council to update the original charge to reflect the extended timeline for this work. We aim to submit our final recommendations to Council in summer 2028.

Alignment with Strategic Priorities

The continued work of the task force is consistent with Strategic Priorities 1.2, 2.1, 2.4, 3.1, 3.4, 4.1, 4.3, and 4.4:

- 1.2. Educate and influence decision makers in any setting about the importance of archives and archivists.
- 2.1. Mentor and support the career development of members to assist them in achieving their goals.
- 2.4. Foster communities for professional interaction.
- 3.1. Identify the need for new standards, guidelines, and best practices and lead or participate in their development.
- 3.4. Support the development of executive leadership skills and encourage the participation in leadership opportunities by archivists in all stages of their careers.
- 4.1. Facilitate effective communication with and among members.

- 4.3. Foster an inclusive association and profession through educational and leadership opportunities.
- 4.4. Ensure that leaders are accessible and that their work is transparent.

Fiscal Impact

Continuation of initial estimated staff time associated with this activity as 1 staff member @ 20 hours.

Potential Benefits

n/a

Potential Drawbacks

n/a

Recommendation (Action Items only)

n/a