



General Information

Please complete the following Annual Report form by September 1. Questions?

Contact governance@archivists.org.

Archives Management Section

Council Liaison – Selena Ortega Chiolero

Chair - Christina Zamon, Georgia State University (2024-2025)

Vice Chair – Leslie McRoberts, Michigan State University (2024-2025)

Roster Updates:

This year the Archives Management Section elected two new Steering Committee members, Secretary, and a new Vice Chair/Chair-elect.

Vice Chair/Chair-elect – Elizabeth Wilkinson, Yale University (2025-2027)

Steering Committee – Amy Mondt, Vietnam Center & Archives at Texas Tech University (2025-2028)

Steering Committee – Sauda Mitchell, Winthrop Group (2025-2028)

Secretary – Jessica Harden, State of Michigan Archives (2024-2026)

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The main activities for the section this year was organizing our ongoing series of “Ask a Manager” panel discussions. This year we were able to organize and present two of the three that we had planned. We also worked on updating the microsite, sending out a survey to determine topics for the Ask a Manager series and hosting discussion sessions during its annual meeting to allow folks to talk with colleagues on current or pressing issues that managers are facing.

Completed: Ask a Manager Series talks

- Challenges of Managing People, January 22, 2025 at 2pm
 - Panelists - Doris Cardenas, Claretian Missionaries; Abby Mello, Towson University, Professor and Human Resources Development (HRD) Program Director; Hillary Kativa, Head of Special Collections Department at University of Delaware; Erica McAvoy, managed trained archivists both as Executive Director of Wellesley Historical Society (Wellesley, MA) and Executive Director of Lexington Historical Society (Lexington, MA). Most

recently, she was Executive Director of the Moffatt-Ladd House and Garden (Portsmouth, NH).

- Attendance – 55 attendees
- Surviving and Thriving in an Unideal Workplace, May 2, 2025 at 2pm
 - Panelists – Melinda Isler (managing up); Derek Webb (interpersonal conflicts); Caitlin Stamm (interpersonal conflicts)
 - Attendance: 43

Ongoing:

The Archives Management Section plans to continue its series of Ask a Manager panel discussions into the next year. These are very popular with section members and gives them a chance to speak with other colleagues and professionals about how to address their own situations and issues.

New:

The Archives Management Section has agreed to take on the Best Practices Standard. The Section will create a sub-committee this fall after the annual meeting to begin reviewing and revising the standard this fall.

SAA STRATEGIC PLAN

SAA's Strategic Plan is the guiding document for the association. Please review the current [Strategic Plan](#) and indicate below how your section has contributed to each of the 4 main goals.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

The Archives Management Section regularly addresses issues in the realm of management that promotes advocacy for managers. Our main way of communicating this information is through our Ask a Manager Series as well as messaging through our listserv.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

We are enhancing professional growth through our ongoing meetings and conversations, including the Ask a Manager series that allows members to ask relevant questions of other colleagues and professionals to enhance and improve their management skills.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

The AMS has been working to update its microsite and provide more resources and opportunities to its members. The section has collaborated with other sections, particularly in cross-posting our Ask a Manager series and working to have members from other sections be part of the series.

Goal 4: Meeting Members' Needs

AMS regularly provides opportunities for any and all SAA members to participate within the section, whether or not they are part of the section.

2024 SAA ANNUAL MEETING - SECTION MEETING

Number of Attendees – 36 (some people had issues with the technology)

Provide a summary of meeting activities and highlights. (No minutes, please, just notes.)

Our section held its business meeting where we recapped our activities for the year, announced election results and discussed our plans for the next year. Following that we held break-out sessions to allow folks to discuss the following topics: Navigating politically targeted initiatives, burnout, threats to collections, and how to support colleagues in worse environments.

Link to meeting minutes on the section's microsite (optional): we did not do minutes for our section meeting. I attempted to put our agenda on the microsite but was unable to do so because of a glitch that hasn't been resolved.

SELF-ASSESSMENT

*** 15. How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?**

Members of the AMS are very engaged and interested in our work. I feel that the section is in good health, however, as managers, many of us in leadership are very limited in our capacity to do much outside of our very busy work schedules, which doesn't allow us to do more advocacy and work with the section beyond a few core responsibilities. We are finding that it is getting more difficult to recruit people into leadership positions within the section. This is not a new trend, but many people since the pandemic have not been as willing or able to devote much time to professional activities as they once did.

QUESTIONS FOR THE COUNCIL

*** 16. Does your section have questions or concerns for the SAA Council?**

Not at this time.