

MDOS Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

2020 October 26, 11:00 AM EDT via Zoom

Agenda

1. Welcome New Members
2. Brainstorm MDOS Section Goals for 2020-21 [SAA Strategic Plan](#), [SAA Leader Resources](#)
 - a. Some initial thoughts
 - i. Revise section standing rules
 - ii. Outreach initiatives
 - iii. Member survey
3. Ideas for 2021 annual section meeting

Attendance

Present

- Bailey-Tomecek, Christy (Social Media Coordinator, 2020-2021)
- Gutiérrez-Jones, Natalia (Education Coordinator, 2019-2022)
- Johnson, Randi (Member, 2020-2023)
- Ruminski, Clayton (Member, 2020-2023)
- Searcy, Rachel (Member, 2019-2022)
- Shallcross, Mike (Co-chair, 2020-2022)
- Wilkinson, Elizabeth (Co-chair, 2019-2021)

Absent

- Serrao, Jessica (Web Liaison, 2019-2022)
- White, Angela (Member, 2018-2021)

Minutes

Brainstorm MDOS Section Goals for 2020-21

- Some initial thoughts
 - Revise section standing rules
 - 3rd year chair: remain to mentor junior chair

- Helpful to address pain points around finding candidates/elections and continuity with committee work
 - **Will be discussed at next meeting to decide how to move forward**
- Outreach initiatives
 - Opportunities for more proactive outreach?
 - Example: BitCurator Users Forum Q&A session
 - Questions submitted in advance
 - 'Experts' answered (us? Others we bring in?)
 - BUF session received good response
 - MDOS SC discussion:
 - Potential for online engagement/Zoom fatigue
 - Specific purpose/high relevance could drive engagement/interest
 - Are there specific issues/concerns facing folks--especially in remote work environments (i.e., metadata remediation)
 - Potential focus: metadata remediation:
 - Could ID monthly topics/approaches and connect with expert practitioners
 - Ex: "Agents" clean up in ASpace
 - Extracting metadata from photographs with exiftool
 - Asking people outside of steering committee could lead to increased engagement (but could be a big ask)
 - Low-key community of practice approach (not formal webinar): low pressure
 - Bi-monthly might be better frequency/easier to plan and handle
 - **Natalia interested in participating in planning**
- Member survey
 - Topics:
 - Outreach interests?
 - Query members to ID hot topics/interests: what do people want to learn more about or explore?
 - Section meeting ideas?
 - Marketplace of ideas
 - Joint section meeting opportunities

- MDOS tried to partner with Description Section in 2020 but plans fell through
- Survey could inquire:
 - What sections it would be good to partner with (provide a set list of choices)
 - Indicate subjects/topics that could be explored
- What can the section provide to members that is not available elsewhere? What areas do members want to grow their expertise?
 - Born-digital materials and description/metadata?
 - Specific tools (i.e., exiftool)
- **Elizabeth will work on a survey draft and share with group**

Ideas for 2021 annual section meeting

- Big question: in person or virtual?
 - May also need to consider how to accommodate people who choose not to (or are not able to) attend in person
- Pt. 2 of SAA Leadership Forum: available online
 - Concern over sustainability of growing number of sections
 - SAA appreciative of joint sessions--makes scheduling/logistics easier for annual meeting