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
  o 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