

May 10, 2019
CORDA Meeting Notes

Present: Amanda, Sally, Chris., Dennis, Erin, Ricky,. Nancy, Courtney, Sarah Buchanan, Jennifer (Notes), Paul (Facilitated)

Updates:

Column submitted to Archival Outlook, slated for publication in the May/June Issue

Research Forum proposal ready for submission

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PJwqj2HhyRmFz433J79hYJX6C7ctSMbLI2VPrJzCJZc/e/dit>

Research Forum: Introduce CORDA and what we mean about "Research" and set up artificial separation between research and Assessment; provocative and in part giving CORDA a focus. It has been hard to distinguish between academic research and more practical jobs-based research; latter kinds of data gathering really hasn't had a place CORDA members who have faculty status

History - 1984 Evaluation of Archival Institutions

One page on SAA website about institutional assessment

Early goal of CORDA to bring that forward.

Words matter: this group could adopt a few words to show what we mean

Science: Bench research, clinical research

Archives: two kinds of research and come up with a word or two

Study in museums (Visitor Study)

Possibilities: Assessment, Framework, Forecasting, Trends

Working Items:

1. Outreach to Membership about CORDA - SAA Leadership of SAA Groups
 - a. Amanda & Christine - Amanda is on RIO - has its own public services assessment committee, and interested in knowing how these areas intersect
 - b. Dennis will review language for consistency with RAAC message
2. Outreach to Regional RAAC
 - a. Dennis & Courtney will draft email to RAAC/regionals
3. Repository, Data, Findings, Instruments
 - Chris and Sarah - has started to compile research methods.
 - Previous studies, data and research themes going forward.
 - Serious work on investigating the repository - Sarah thinks it is handy to separate reports on research and evaluation from the underlying survey methods
 - Sometimes the report provides the method, but not always
 - Keep the method from the reported outcomes.

- There is also the data that is not in the reports.

Possible repository ideas from committee charter. Erin will start a simple chart that would allow us to examine the following different systems:

- LISSA Scholarship Archive
- Humanities dataset
- Humanities commons.org
- Talk with Cal Lee
- Another possibility could be multiple repositories - SAA could manage some reports and materials

Criteria for review:

- How would you ingest
- Access issues
- Where it is located

Jennifer and Paul:

- Description of the Open Forum on the SAA website - same language we would be developing for RAAC to go onto the SAA website - send it directly to Nancy
- In the Loop: always an option

Item that needs leadership:

Community needs assessment survey that could go out to the broader membership

Field a survey before the annual meeting and get reaction before forum

Dennis would be happy to work on that one in a small group. Visit this at next meeting and see if there are others who want to help with survey.

Forum:

1. Introduce CORDA
2. Status of work to date
3. Seek input from what members care about professionally

Action Items:

- Submit Research Forum Proposal and write to Nancy M. - Paul
- RAAC outreach - Dennis and Courtney
- SAA Leadership outreach - Amanda and Christine
- Repository Research - Erin
- Cal Lee Call
- Start thinking about community needs assessment survey (Dennis, and a few others?)
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Background Materials

SAA website page with guidelines for ***Institutional Evaluation***.

<https://www2.archivists.org/groups/standards-committee/guidelines-for-evaluation-of-archival-institutions>

"Evaluating Archival Institutions", ca. 1982 (in Hathi Trust)

<https://hdl.handle.net/2027/mdp.39015042872898>

Next meeting on Friday June 10, 1:00-2:00 p.m.