STHC Annual Report

Date: 30 October 2015

Name of Section/Roundtable: Science, Technology and Healthcare Roundtable

Officers (2014-2015):

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      Melanie Mueller (American Institute of Physics)
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Report from annual meeting:
- Number of attendees: 50
- Election results: Todd Kosmerick elected junior co-chair. New steering committee members (Bethany Anderson, Kimberly Anderson, Andrew Lippert, and Elizabeth Shepard) appointed by steering committee members before the meeting.
- Summary of meeting activities: minutes attached

Completed projects/activities: In relation to the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan, STHC members were instrumental in developing the HIPAA Resource Page and continue to be a resource for issues specific to science, technology and healthcare.

Ongoing projects/activities: In addition to developing the HIPAA resource page noted above, STHC members continue to take an active role in providing guidance for new policies and policy change, particularly related to access and privacy concerns related to healthcare records.

New projects/activities: STHC leadership is committed to bringing STHC election procedures in-line with other affinity groups.

Initiatives associated with the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan:

Goal 1: Advocating for Archivists and Archives
Our newsletter, *Archival Elements*, continues to be a quality vessel for reporting our actions and successful projects as science, technology and healthcare archivists.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth
The speaker presentations during the roundtable annual meeting represented all aspects of the scope of the STHC roundtable, and were well-received and generated good discussion by attendees. Our speaker presentations have always been the star of our annual roundtable meeting, and we will continue to solicit speakers with relevant topics, with an attempt to keep our speaker presentations in line with the theme of the SAA annual meeting or within some theme that encompasses all aspects of our STHC membership.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field
STHC members were instrumental in developing the HIPAA Resource Page and continue to be a resource for issues specific to science, technology and healthcare.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs
STHC leadership remains dedicated to increasing new membership and encouraging participation from long-time members by encouraging newsletter articles, speakers during our annual meeting, and service in roundtable leadership. This has been illustrated by the larger-than-average attendance at the past several roundtable meetings. STHC leadership is committed to bringing STHC election procedures in-line with other affinity groups. The STHC leadership continues to have discussion regarding ways to encourage participation on our listserv (listserv traffic remains static but we have a good number of subscribers!) and to remind our members that the listserv is a place for discussion as well as announcements.

Questions/concerns for Council attention: There have been ongoing issues with the listservs, so that it can be difficult to determine if members are receiving emails. For example, the allowed character limit for emails to the steering committee list had been set to a very low number. The result was that the senior co-chair had been sending messages to the steering committee that were not being received. Since the senior co-chair did not receive an error message, it took a long time to realize that longer messages were not being received. In addition, some senders have long non-sensible character strings attached to their names/emails. This is not unique to STHC. For example, in a message I sent to the STHC listserv in September 2015, the email appeared to come from "prvs=6801107c4=dhoward@email.unc.edu."

A final ongoing issue relates to the STHC website. If you Google "STHC SAA," or something similar, the first search result is for the old STHC website (http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/sthc/). We've been advised in the past that there isn't a good way to fix this problem, but surely there must be one?