

Web Archiving Round Table minutes
Wednesday, August 14, 2013
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, New Orleans, Louisiana

- Welcome from Trevor Alvord - regrets from Tessa Fallon
- Introductions
 - ◇ What is your favorite thing you have archived off the web?
- Update from Council
 - ◇ Working on Strategic Plan - encouraged to engage with it
 - ◆ Advocacy
 - ◆ Enhancing professional growth
 - ◆ Advancing the Society
 - ◆ Making Society more Inclusive
 - ◇ How to make SAA groups more responsive and flexible
 - ◆ How effective are roundtables and sections given changes in technology and communication
 - ◆ Imagine other possibilities for being participative
 - ◇ Adopted Principles and Priorities for Annual Meeting
 - ◇ Accepted Communications Task Force recommendations
 - ◆ Improve website
 - ◆ Social media
 - ◆ How to push information out to members timely and encourage communication btwn members
 - ◇ Create Infrastructure for advocacy goal in the Strategic Plan
 - ◆ Advocacy and Public Policy committee
- Panelists - Nicholas Taylor, Jefferson Bailey, Benn Joseph, Trevor Alvord
 - ◇ Trevor:
 - ◆ Tasked with starting a thematic web archive for Mormonism and the "Bloggernacle," "Mormon Mommy Blog," missionary blogs
 - ◆ How to reach these web content creators
 - ◆ Latched onto ARL Best Practices for Fair Use and started capturing websites based on "Transformative value" of the web capture
 - ◇ Nicholas:
 - ◆ Web Archiving Service Manager at Stanford
 - ◆ Study to identify web archiving needs
 - (1) Support Research and Teaching
 - (2) University legacy
 - (3) Gov't Docs
 - (4) orphaned projects
 - (5) Data mining
 - ◆ Two full-time positions grew out of study; deciding now what activities can be done in locally and what should be outsourced
 - ◆ Wanted to be able ingest within institutional repository

- ◆ Curatorial workflow is challenging - manage permissions, add metadata, tagging, discovery
- ◆ Copyright policy regarding embargoes, robots.txt
- ◇ Benn
 - ◆ Northwestern University Archives and Special Collections
 - ◆ Need realized when student publications stopped submitting printed publications
 - ◆ Given limitations of local repository, signed up with Web Archiving Service for hosted service
 - ◆ Ask permissions for student websites and other websites not on Northwestern servers
- ◇ Jefferson
 - ◆ Updating NDSA Survey report that includes web archiving activities
 - ◆ Policy - specific policies are often non-existence
 - ◆ Strategic Planning - web archiving not rolled into larger plans
 - ◆ Staffing and how are workflows organized
 - ◆ Role of non-archivists/librarians as appraisers for URLs for web archiving
 - ◆ Tool development - WARCreate/WAIL - Desktop clients for DIY web archiving, Microgrants at Columbia - Full-text mining and indexing back-end post-acquisition technology for management
 - ◆ Access and Display - integration with OPACs/catalogs, interface design
 - ◆ Description - How is description fitting into existing standards
 - ◆ Use - How well do we gather use and analytics of website prior to capture - Tracking how web archives are used in scholarly research
- Questions
 - ◇ BYU: are you notifying web creators when invoking fair use? No. Working on "take down" policies and honoring robots.txt.
 - ◇ Is anyone working with social media and developing policies regarding copyright
 - ◆ Nicholas: very little being done across the board. Some work done at the LOC – Guiding policy to work with everything on a case-by-case basis
 - ◆ Session on #OccupyWallStreet will address social media issues
 - ◆ ArchiveSocial - State Archives of North Carolina can use this for social media creators because they become "public record" - Using social media policies to guide how they might be archived off the web
 - ◇ What's the biggest issues being faced by web archiving efforts
 - ◆ Nicholas
 - (1) Dynamic nature of the web - tools we currently have will become inadequate if they aren't already - As a community can we collectively muster the resources to keep pace with the changing web and preserve and allow access in the future.
 - ◆ Benn
 - (1) Agree - Too often have to tell web content creators we can't capture their content because of format - web has outpaced the technology - description and QC are also difficult to manage
 - ◆ Jefferson
 - (1) Barrier of entry for institutions to begin web archiving regarding staff and resources
 - ◆ Audience
 - (1) Need for collaboration
 - (2) Methods hasn't been fine-tuned in a way to allow for deep access – standardization in access

- What as a roundtable can we do to help our members out the most?
 - ◇ More anecdotal knowledge sharing - hearing from people about experiences without sanitized formal pubs
 - ◇ Linking distributed web archives
 - ◇ SAA Roundtable brings ability for a national forum
- Bylaws - Adopted
- Election ballots passed and subsequently submitted