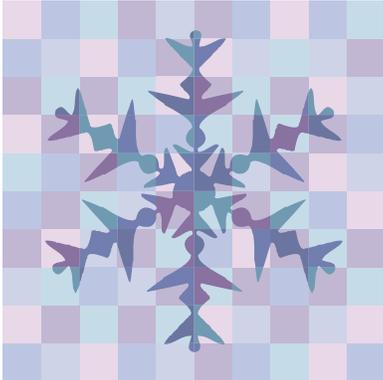


Archival InQueeries

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From the Co-chairs:

Hurricanes and earthquakes aside I want to thank all those who were able to make it to Chicago this year. Given the challenges of weather, economy, and Hyatt's labor situation we had a good turnout. Flo Turcotte was elected our female co-chair and I look forward to working with her over the coming year. I want to take a sentence to say thank you to Heidi Marshall, our previous female co-chair, for her gentle mentoring over the past year. I am looking forward to a productive year and one in which LAGAR can continue making a positive contribution to the archives profession.

Franklin Robinson
Male-Identified LAGAR Co-chair
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I'd like to thank the attendees of the Annual meeting in Chicago for the honor of electing me the female co-chair. Some of you may remember me from the work I did a couple of years ago with the other members of the Bylaws Revision Task Force to update our bylaws and make them more inclusive and reflective of our diverse membership. I look forward to being a strong advocate for the interests of the LAGAR Roundtable, and again, I thank you for your support.

Florence Turcotte
Female-Identified LAGAR Co-chair
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Editor's notes:

Just a quick note – your next *Archival InQueeries* will be written and created by the new 6 person team of:

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Doris will be holding the post of Head Editor with Michael, Marika, Nancy, Amy, and Steven being her supportive Co-Editors. I feel certain they will bring a new vitality to the LAGAR newsletter and hope all LAGAR-ites will offer news items, announcements, and bits of suggestions to them.

Thank you all for your help while I've served as Newsletter Editor. It has been a pleasure and an honor. Take care and Happy Holidays,
Maggi Gonsalves

LAGAR meeting notes:

LAGAR Meeting 8/24/2001

Welcome & introductions:

Heidi opened; both introduced themselves; steering committee members: Steven Mandeville-Gamble, Bonnie Weddle.

- Introduction of attendees – several students and recent graduates.
- Not on agenda but needed to address: last year's meeting minutes
- We will be having a new SAA Council Liaison covering us next year.

Debbie Richards, LAGAR rep on Diversity Committee. Just approved by council is a Diversity Award being available. Look on Awards Page on SAA for further information. Debbie will post to listserv when this information is available.

Diversity Award; for individual or institutional promotion of diversity

Debbie Richards, Lavender Legacies not done yet, but will be up on the LAGAR page soon

Tom Hyry – introduced Terry Baxter, our next representative/liaison to SAA. Tom has reported to SAA:

- Our bylaws were changed and we needed to get Council's approval, which we did
- Monday last, we approved the Annual Meeting Task Force –
 - Contract we had signed with Hyatt, many years ago, message conveyed by membership – we need to be certain that there are social responsibilities addressed in contracts of the future
 - Membership in SAA has grown roughly 50%
 - They will look into virtual conferencing as well as other possibilities to cover considerations of large city conferencing
 - Two new awards:
 - Diversity Award:
 - Emerging Leaders/Early Career Award
 - Core Values Statement addressed and approved of within last year
 - Annual Business Meeting –
 - Since last year's raise of dues, they have realized that a virtual method to voting needs to be added, which requires by laws changed which will be addressed this year's meeting
 - Great experience working with LAGAR – always his favorite
 - Questions:
 - Concluding/fixing Drupal use
 - Drupal implementation is taking longer and it's based on [mainly] 1 person to handle; the ability to hire out the work on Drupal has become really difficult to do [including financially]
 - Possible distributed responsibility of administration rights can be given?
 - Communications Technology Working Group may be ready for this

Steve Mandeville-Gamble

Queer History Social Media Project

This will be in a generally approved by LAGAR folks too. So far have 478 people / organizations. These are being put in a wiki article. The link to this project will be added to the web meeting minutes – asking for additional folks to help.

Q – Can this be coordinated with Lavender Legacies. A – Yes , he and Debbie are working on this; need to carve more time in their schedules to allow for this to grow. Wiki may be used to assist with Lavender Legacies, may work better. Google docs is very flat so wiki may be better.

Q – Why were people stripping out the links from this? A – Nothing sensed were homophobic. Purists raised issue that all wiki articles are based on secondary articles. No original research is allowed.

Q – SAA site is only using 10% of what Drupal can do. Encouraged to get onto SAA to get this taken care of.

Q – Is it just based on SAA not opening up the program to work with it? A- Steve suspects it's more of a bandwidth issue, but isn't sure.

Action items:

Maggi Gonsalves

2 Items for Action:

Newsletter editor – Maggi has held this post for the past several years and wishes to pass it on to someone else. Questions were asked to clarify what all this covered and what potential the position had.

Q – Can more than one person address this? A – Yes, it can be done, according to our by-laws, it can be done by a newsletter committee. It would be best if we didn't have to change our by-laws again.

Q – Could we do a blog instead of a newsletter?

A - Reinventing the term Newsletter would be a good idea.

Q/A – LAGAR does have a Facebook presence; so this may be used as a source of synergy.

The 5-6 person committee can get together to discuss and determine what and how to hold this from now on.

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Heidi's good-bye address.

Nominations for female-identified co-chair:

Flo Tucotte -- was nominated, the nomination seconded and won with a unanimous vote!

Riccardo Ferrante –

Beyond Borders – next year's theme for SAA

Proposal deadline is October 2011

New type of session: lightning talk format – take a 60 or 90 min. chunk and create 5 min. segments for presentation. All types of past formats are acceptable.

Standard sessions – speakers only put their name on 1 proposal; but does not preclude their participation in lightening round

As a roundtable endorsing a session proposal this conveys a voice that is important to the group. This year's as been the Studs Terkel session that we endorsed.

Last year's meeting minutes – approval vote
Approved and seconded

Reminder: Chicago History Museum – Bus tour on Saturday is available. Off the red line, and bus lines 22 and 23.

Speaker: David Purdy, World AIDS Organization

Ending suggestions:

Collaborating w/other sections –

- Women's Archivists

Meeting adjourned.

