

**Society of American Archivists
Preservation Section (Liaison: Baxter/Vagts)
Annual Report 2013-2014**

Date: 1/2/2015

Section Leadership as at Annual Meeting (2013/14)

Gina Minks, Chair

Katie Mullen, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Aimee Primeaux, Past President/Nominating

Alix Bentrud, Outreach/Communications co-chair

Kate Elgavaya, Outreach/Communications co-chair

Rachel Onuf, Education co-chair

Jennifer Waxman, Education co-chair

Beth Joffrion, Member at Large

Tonia Sutherland, Member at Large

Dyani Feyge, Nominating

Supriya Wronkiewicz, web-liaison (Outreach committee)

Report from annual meeting:

- There were 97 confirmed (signed in) attendees at the annual meeting. The program proved so popular that it was standing room only in the session, and there were certainly more than the 97 we were able to capture.
- Election results: Elections were held for incoming chair and member at large prior to the 2014 annual meeting. The 2014/15 Section leadership is as follows:
 - Katie Mullen, Chair
 - Alix Bentrud, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect
 - Gina Minks, Past President/Nominating
 - Gerald Chaudron, Steering/ Education Chair
 - Craig Fansler, Steering/Outreach
 - Dyani Feyge, Steering/Program and Nominations
 - Rebecca Elder, Member at Large
 - Beth Joffrion, Member at Large
 - Rachel Vagts, Council Liaison
 - Supriya Wronkiewicz, Outreach committee (Web Liaison)
- Meeting Program:

Gina Minks (president at the time of the meeting) led a brief business meeting, followed by an update from Terry Baxter, our Council Representative. The rest of the program was as follows:

 - Bill Veillette, NEDCC, discussed IRENE project which is funded by both NEH and IMLS.
 - Karen Cariani, WGBH, discussed trends in preserving modern video/film related to an NEH grant to WGBH.
 - Carl Fleischauer, Library of Congress, discussing preservation of sound recordings, the FADGI program and Sound Directions
 - Holly Robertson presented on the new ALA revision of the former ARL preservation statistics, and how archives might best participate.

- Robert Horton, IMLS, and Joel Wurl, NEH, will briefly discussed grant programs supporting preservation and the projects featured on the panel.

Completed projects/activities:

- Outreach -- Craig Fansler made a poster for Preservation Week that was shared on the Preservation Section Website
- Disaster relief fundraising - \$133.90 raised from donations

Ongoing projects/activities: Listserv/ engagement with membership - This year we tried to revitalize the listserv.

New projects/activities:

- Address Bylaws: in particular, how record retention for the section is conducted & the role of the web liaison.
- Stabilize/ revise Disaster Relief Fundraising effort at Annual Meeting.
- Establish Routine (Monthly) Communication from chair & steering committee to section membership
- Establish projects for volunteers to engage with section work.
- Solicit input from members on annual meeting program presentations, and engage the audience with the presentations.

Initiatives associated with the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan: As mentioned above, two of the major areas of focus for the Preservation Section Steering committee – normalizing and scheduling communications from the leadership to the section and establishing volunteer projects to engage section members, correspond with “**Meeting Member Needs.**”

Our theme for the preservation week poster in 2015 – chosen by a vote of the membership – will be “Being a Preservation Advocate” – this corresponds with the strategic goal of “**Advocating for Archives**”. This will be our fifth year producing a poster. Craig Fansler is soliciting section member stories to illustrate this theme. These stories will describe preservation advocacy within the realm of:

- finding and working with a local group
- enhancing a sense of community
- working collaboratively
- rescuing local treasures
- protecting memories of people, places or events
- education

Related to the goal of “**Enhancing Professional Growth,**” our program chair is soliciting member feedback about presentations to be held during our business meeting which will best meet member’s educational needs. We are also investigating format possibilities – such as lightning talks – which will allow the audience at our meeting to participate by sharing their tips or stories related to the educational needs identified.

Questions/concerns for Council attention: [None submitted.]