

**Society of American Archivists**  
**Preservation Section (Liaison: Vagts)**  
**Annual Report 2014-2015**

**Date: 11/20/2015**

**Officers:**

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, Web Liaison/Outreach committee

**Report from annual meeting:**

- Number of attendees: 75 signed in as attending the meeting
- 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:
  - Alix Bentrud, Chair
  - Frances Harrell, Vice Chair/Chair Elect
  - Katie Mullen, Past President/Nominating
  - Jill Sweetapple, Steering/Nominating
  - Dyani Feyge, Steering/ Program
  - Eve Neiger, Steering/Outreach
  - Craig Fansler, Steering/Outreach
  - Rebecca Elder, Member at Large/STASH liaison
  - Beth Joffrion, Member at Large
  - Rachel Vagts, Council Liaison
  - Supriya Wronkiewicz, Web Liaison
- Summary of meeting activities:
  - Katie Mullen – Greetings & Election Results
  - Elizabeth Sheppard - SAA Preservation Publication Award to DigitalPOWRR
  - Joel Wurl – National Endowment for the Humanities briefly discussed grant programs supporting preservation activities
  - Karl Blumenthal – “Devising preservation metadata standards and defining archival storage procedures for the New York Art Resources Consortium (NYARC)” from his 2014-2015 National Digital Stewardship Residency project hosted at the New York Art Resources Consortium
  - Lightning session presentations on “Housings for non-standard archival objects”
    - Fletcher Durant – New York University
    - Emily Shaw – Ohio State University

- Patti Gibbons – University of Chicago
- Julie Ludwig – The Frick Collection
- Rachel Penniman – Duke University
- Jayme Jamison – IAC Art Conservation
- Ashley Greek – Library of Congress
- Rebecca Elder – presented on the National Disaster Recovery Fund for Archives

**Completed projects/activities:**

- Fundraiser for NDRFA - Silent Auction with items donated by members of the SAA Preservation Section & Leadership raised \$1,185
- Reviewed and updated Preservation Resources on microsite
- Preservation Week Poster - Craig Fansler made a poster for Preservation Week that was shared on the Preservation Section Website using input from section members to select topic for poster – solicited input of graphics, anecdotes.

**Ongoing projects/activities:**

Get minutes from past annual and steering committee meetings onto microsite, for records management as well as transparency

Revisit the NDRFA fundraiser – perhaps another silent auction.

Establish Routine (Monthly) Communication from chair & steering committee to section membership

**New projects/activities:**

Creation of educational/informational materials related to preservation of collections and preservation management using the knowledge of the Preservation Section and by reaching out to other round tables and sections. These materials will be in a variety of forms; web based, handouts, and potentially webinars.

**Initiatives associated with the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan:**

Our new project goal of creating informational and education materials to share with SAA members we feel speaks to the goals of “enhancing professional growth” and “meeting members’ needs.” We also believe that our ongoing effort to communicate preservation news and issues through the list serve and our microsite also speaks to the goals just mentioned, but to “advocating for archives and archivists.”

**Questions/concerns for Council attention:** None.