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ACTIVITIES

Completed

Second silent auction for the National Disaster Recovery Fund for Archives with 40 donations and raised just under $1750.

Creation of Preservation Week poster on topics related to collection and staff security.

Ongoing

Preservation Week/Mayday outreach.

Creation of bookmarks and temporary tattoos for distribution at conferences and archives events.

New

Worked with Security Roundtable for feedback on Preservation Week.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

Expand Social Media Engagement

Build awareness of National Disaster Recovery Fund for Archives, MayDay, & Preservation Week

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

Providing volunteer opportunities to members and students.

Provide a forum for discussion and exchange of ideas.
Goal 3: Advancing the Field

Explore the intersection of public service and collection preservation.

Goal 4: Meeting Members’ Needs

Provide timely communication to members on preservation topics and events.

ANNUAL MEETING

Number of Attendees: 55

Summary of Meeting Activities:

There were presentations from Jessica Leming reporting on digital projects at the Atlanta University Center.

Joel Wurhl presented on grant opportunities from the NEH.

The main portion of the meeting was a series of lightning talks on selection criteria and tools used to select collections or items for preservation and conservation.

Presenters were:

- Tommy Brown – Auburn University
- Sarah Cunningham – LBJ Presidential Library
- Bradly Daigle – University of Virginia
- Neil Guilbeau – Mississippi State
- Vincent Novara – Michelle Smith Performing Arts Library, University of Maryland
- Linda Reynolds – Stephen F. Austin State University
- Harrison Wick – Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Link to Meeting Minutes:

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

Preservation section may be pursuing a budget request to assist with printing of bookmarks and handouts for archives events.