SNAC Annual Meeting 2023

State of the Cooperative

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Welcome and Housekeeping

- Q&A at the end of meeting
  - Submit questions via Google doc https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ua6cuO9E0dE4Sm4B5a_Zflge9bPJ7gQD-

    Quy--pkde0/edit • Submit questions through Chat - will be monitored

  - Feel free to unmute and ask a question!

- Two polls during the meeting
  - Open Refine survey (during 1st break)

  - SNAC – ArchivesSpace plug-in (during 2nd break)

- Post-meeting survey

SNAC Personnel

- Daniel Pitti, SNAC Executive Director, retired in December 2022 • Joseph

Glass, Technical Lead, left SNAC in September 2022 • Susan Pyzynski hired

as part-time SNAC Director in January 2023 • Jason Jordan, UVA Software

Engineer, part-time hours supporting SNAC • Jerry Simmons, NARA

- Dina Herbert, NARA

Working Groups

- Working Groups are the backbone of SNAC

- Volunteer to join a Working Group:

    - Communications Working Group: Sarah Wells, spw4s@virginia.edu

- Editorial Policy and Standards Working Group: Betts Coup, elizabeth_coup@harvard.edu

- Reference and Research Working Group: Marisa Bourgoin, bourgoinm@si.edu •

SNACschool: Jerry Simmons, jerry.simmons@nara.edu

- Technical and Infrastructure Working Group: Alex Duryee, alexander_duryee@harvard.edu

SNAC Working Group Highlights

- Communications Working Group: Created and managed the SNAC membership survey

- Editorial Policy and Standards Working Group: Implemented trans naming guidance: https://portal.snaccooperative.org/node/636

- Reference and Research Working Group: Supporting the SNACschool Reference module and answering researcher queries

- SNACschool: Successful in-person SNACSchool editor training during SAA 2023, along with regular virtual editor and reference trainings through the year

- Technical and Infrastructure Working Group: Testing and documenting the SNAC - ArchivesSpace plug-in production release

SNAC Statistics

- Currently 3,536,258 Identity records in SNAC
  - 69.4% Persons
  - 25.5% Corporate
  - 5.5% Family

- 5,524,298 Resource relationship links

- Over 750,000 SNAC users in the past twelve months

- Referred 67,682 visitors to holding institutions' sites

- SNAC is about the user and connecting them to your primary resources!

Recent, Current and Future Projects

- ArchivesSpace plugin production release

- OpenRefine bug fixes: https://portal.snaccooperative.org/node/489

- Resuming work on the concept/vocabulary management system

- Enslaved Description Subgroup and Indigenous Description subgroup

- Loading of the Tribal Name Authority File dataset from The National Native American Board School Healing Coalition

- Working with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to include their data in SNAC,

including information from the *Encyclopedia of Camps and Ghettos*

- Potential Mellon bridge grant for a 9 month Technical Lead to document SNAC technical infrastructure and help complete the concept/vocabulary management system

SNAC's Financial Future

- SNAC is a membership-owned cooperative

  - Need to move from being grant-funded project to being financially self-sustaining resource

- Sustainability for open-source projects is a big challenge, limited options:
    - Partner with an already established resource such as ArchivesSpace • Institute annual membership dues
    - Apply for other grants
    - Seek corporate/foundational sponsorship

- SNAC will need to rely on a mix of revenue streams to sustain itself in the future

Membership Benefits

•Provides integrated discovery of dispersed historical records and documents for researchers and enhanced access to your holdings

•A platform for contextualizing and connecting your holdings to related holdings in other repositories around the world

•Enhancing the effectiveness of archival processing and description, including the SNAC – ArchivesSpace plug-in

•SNACschool training in standards-based description of corporate bodies, persons, and families

•The use of the SNAC API to contribute new data to SNAC, including new CPF descriptions and summary descriptions of local holdings

SNAC Costs

- Full-time Technical Lead

- Part-time SNAC Director

- Hardware/software costs (servers, hard drives, etc)

- Administrative costs (travel, other services)

- SNAC will continue to administered by the University of Virginia

Membership Dues Process

- Initial email in early October to Members who signed membership agreement to confirm they

want to continue membership, determine what tier of membership, and the member contact to send invoice and new membership agreement

- Tiered membership, the membership tier is selected by the institution
- If an institution has financial hardship, they should reach out to SNAC to discuss options • Institutions who wish to sponsor the membership of a less advantaged organization, such as a community archive, should reach out to SNAC
- Separate email to SNAC editors whose institutions have not signed a membership agreement to determine if they want to become members
- Starting in 2024 SNAC editor accounts will be limited to SNAC members and approved volunteer/unaffiliated editors only
- SNAC editor training will be limited to SNAC members and approved volunteer/unaffiliated editors, SNAC reference and research training will continue to be open to anyone

Membership Tiers

The proposal system has five tiers, based on the number of anticipated users from your institution or group:

Tier Editor Accounts Yearly Dues Unaffliated Editor one free Small up to three

$2,000 Medium up to five $5,000 Large up to eight $7,500 Very Large unlimited

$10,000

SNAC'S Future

- Institute paid membership to cover essential yearly costs

  - Use grants and other funding sources for new projects/initiatives and to grow SNAC

- Become more member-driven and diverse through annual planning and rethinking SNAC's administrative structure

- Search out collaborations and partnerships

- Be ambitious and pragmatic!

Questions?

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