

April 2017 Update

News from the Operations Committee

During the first phone conference of the SNAC Working Group Chairs (Operations Committee) last month, the group discussed funding, the next in-person meeting, web-development for the cooperative, and the decision-making process for policies.

Funding

SNAC will apply to Mellon for a 3 month extension to the pilot phase that would allow work to continue through October 31, 2017. SNAC will submit another full proposal to Mellon for an additional 2 years of funding to begin November 2017. Projected objectives in the second phase will be to increase membership and further development of the underlying platform.

Next in-person meeting

The next in-person meeting will be rescheduled from June to late August or mid-September. The focus of this meeting will be on training to attain editors in each institution by October 31. Please see Sarah Well's March 28 e-mail to snac-coopmembers@lists.village.virginia.edu for more information. Indicate your availability using the Doodle poll at <http://doodle.com/poll/pz4vnc9qw8bc9f98>.

Web development

Laura Campbell has been working with a web-developer at UVA to create a SNAC cooperative central portal (website) for information. Access to this portal will be from the main SNAC site with a login for members only. The portal will link out to the various resources the cooperative currently has in place ([listserv](#), [bulletin board](#), [website](#), [Gitlab](#), a [Wiki](#), [Google Drive](#), UserVoice, [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#)).

Decision-making on policies

Guidelines and protocols that are adopted by the Cooperative will be vetted in the following manner: interest groups will send a proposed policy to the Operations Committee who will then either bring it to the Cooperative for further discourse, if needed, or make an informal (non-voting) decision on the policy.

General Updates from Interest Groups

Communications

A listserv for each Interest Group has been (or will be) set up through UVA's IATH listserv. The listservs are configured so that group chairs can manage them, with Daniel and Sarah at the Institute as backup in the event chairs are not available when changes need to be made. (See Daniel's February 28 email to snac-coopmembers@lists.village.virginia.edu for more information.)

If you would like to join one of the lists, please contact the respective group Chair:

Communications - Kelly Spring kspring@uci.edu

SNAC School - Jerry Simmons jerry.simmons@nara.gov

Standards and Editorial Policy - Susan Pyzynski pyzynski@fas.harvard.edu

Technical Tools - Nancy Kennedy KennedyN@si.edu

Technology - Robbie Hott jh2jf@virginia.edu

SNAC School

The SNACSchool working group is logging a busy month during March. By March 31st, we will have completed drafts of instructional slides for core lessons in SNAC (account administration, create, edit, etc.). In addition to training slides, we also have a March 31st deadline for the SNACSchool Glossary (Melanie Yolles, compiler), EAC-CPF primer (compiler, Glen Wiley), and a SNAC Timeline/History (Alan Mark, compiler). These last three items will help us build our orientation feature called SNACSchool Lite. We're also marking our calendars for May 10th, when the working group will execute a SNACSchool trial run event at NARA. Stay tuned!

Standards and Editorial Policy

The Standards and Editorial group has passed along an initial first set of policies and refined requirements to the Technical group for review. They are in the following areas:

- Record ownership policy
- Related resources
- Repeatable assertions

These policies have already passed an initial review cycle via the larger Standards and Editorial group.

Ongoing policies are being drafted and refined in regards to detailed SCM requirements and initial editorial process. These policies should be ready for wider review and dissemination in the following month.

SNAC Social Media

Twitter

Please remember to keep up with SNAC on twitter at [@SNACCooperative](#). If your institution is participating in a twitter "campaign" (like highlighting individuals or organizations in SNAC), and is interested in collaborating, please contact Dina Herbert dina.herbert@nara.gov. Working together holds the potential to increase interactions on twitter and, therefore, increase traffic on SNAC.

Blog

New blog post titled *SNAC: Connecting Archival Collections*, by Dina Herbert can be read on the National Archives feed [Pieces of History](#). Check it out!

Increasing outreach

In an effort to broaden our reach on social media, and therefore generate more excitement about SNAC and its power, Dina Herbert is looking for social media managers and coordinator contacts at your institution. Dina would like to consult with identified individuals at partner institutions to explore collaboration on twitter (and eventually other social media) in coordinating campaigns, highlighting collections, and featuring constellations on SNAC. Feel free to email Dina (dina.herbert@nara.gov) with contacts at your institution, or simply add them to this [spreadsheet](#).

Merge Function in Development

Robbie Hott is working towards full development of a merge function within the user interface. Naturally, there are technical challenges including combining large amounts of data; presenting the merge function to the user in an understandable way; comparison of many data points between constellations; and addressing the unique identifiers that are assigned once an identity is merged.