May 2017 Update

News from the Operations Committee

Update on Grant Proposal

The current grant proposal for the second pilot phase (November 2017 - October 2019) will be submitted by the UVA library. This will keep SNAC firmly hosted in one core cultural institution (rather than a discretionary - IATH). With this proposal, Daniel Pitti will increase his contribution to 100%, meaning that SNAC will become his full time position. Ivy Glendon will join as the deputy director of SNAC. The proposal will include a request for funding for two (2) full time programmers for the next 2-year phase.

Negotiations for New Members

SNAC will slowly build capacity to absorb and train new members. Because of this, the initial number of new members will be relatively low. Yet, as capacity builds, SNAC will be able to bring in more members. Currently the Jane Addams Papers Project and Archives Nationale de France are confirmed new members.

Other possible new members are the Utah State Archives; the Archives, National Centre for Biological Sciences, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bangalore, India; Cecilia Preston- an "independent scholar" that wants to use SNAC as a platform for documenting U.S. publishers, 1900 to the present; Stanford University (ePADD); and the Colored Conventions Project at the University of Delaware.

Please send Daniel (dpitti@virginia.edu) any inquiries regarding interest in membership and they will be incorporated into the second phase grant proposal.

General Updates from Interest Groups

Communications

The Communications Working Group would like to highlight SNAC presentations given by Cooperative members in the monthly newsletter. If you have an upcoming talk scheduled, please contact Kelly Spring (kspring@uci.edu).

As you work to prepare your talks, a slide deck template for presentations is currently available in the Google Drive folder. If you have issues accessing the file, please email Dina Herbert, dina.herbert@nara.gov.

In the future, the Cooperative portal (website) currently under development will include a repository of past presentations, and will also be a future resource for SNAC press material.

SNAC School

The SNACSchool Working Groups completed a major deadline on March 31st where we completed a number of draft document/training resources. Among these are the draft set of training slide decks, a training glossary, a SNAC history/timeline update, and an EAC-CPF primer. The working group is now in a review period for these materials for the remainder of April. Once reviewed and edited, these materials will be integrated into the SNACSchool website and/or integrated into the trial run training experience slated for May 10th.

Standards and Editorial Policy

The following policies have been reviewed and approved by both the Standards and Editorial Group as well as the Technology group. The S&EP Group will send these proposed policies 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.

1. Record ownership

2. Related resources

3. Repeatable assertions

Some feedback received has been noted for future system iteration regarding user account affiliation.

Follow-up group discussion and iteration was required for the editorial process policy as well as the SCM policy. Those are ongoing in the next month.

Technology

The Technology group reviewed policy recommendations from the Standards and Editorial policy group, with specific feedback about resource type definitions and institutional affiliations.

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.

In April we focused on tweeting in connection to National Poetry Month by highlighting poets who have SNAC records. Stay tuned this month for tweets related to Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Jewish American Heritage Month, and more!

Request for Collaboration

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 (contact Dina if you require access to the document).

Other Announcements

Society of American Archivists 2017 Annual Meeting

Cooperative members attending SAA (Portland, July 23-29) who are interested in helping with SNAC outreach may contact Dina Herbert at dina.herbert@nara.gov.

SNAC Presentations

April

- Project update at the Coalition for Networked Information. Albuquerque, New Mexico. April 4, 2017. Presenters: Daniel Pitti, Kelly Spring, Jerry Simmons.

- Project update followed by a SNAC demonstration. IMLS Sharable Local Authorities Forum. Library of Congress, Washington, DC, April 10-11, 2017. Presenters: Daniel Pitti, Worthy Martin.

- Prototype SNAC Identity Comparison tool presentation. IMLS Sharable Local Authorities Forum. Library of Congress, Washington, DC, April 10-11, 2017. Presenter: Paul Frank

- Project update at the Society of California Archivists Annual General Meeting. Pasadena, California. April 28, 2017. Presenters: Rachael Hu, Kelly Spring, Andra Darlington.

May

- Project update as part of a panel on archival authority records at the Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists/Northwest Archivists Joint Meeting. Boise, Idaho. May 19, 2017. Presenter: Kelly Spring.

Prototype Comparison of Two Identity Constellations

The comparison of two Identity Constellations is a new feature under development. This will allow for the comparison of two constellations that were previously associated by the "maybe-same-as" relation, or two selected from the same search-result list. (See Worthy's March 31 email to snac-coopmembers-bounces@lists.village.Virginia.EDU)

Robbie Hott conducted two open-invitation Go-To-Meeting sessions for Cooperative members on April 5 & 6 that went through the interface step by step. Feedback from the first session informed an updated version of Worthy's original walkthrough. The new version is available at http://snac-dev.iath.virginia.edu/walkthroughs/compare.html.

If you haven't had a chance to look at the feature, please do using the demo version of SNAC (http://snac-dev.iath.virginia.edu/). Any thoughts or ideas on the comparison tool may be directed to Worthy Martin (martin@virginia.edu) or Robbie Hott (jh2jf@virginia.edu).

Next In-Person Meeting

The next SNAC Cooperative meeting will be held September 27-28 at the National Archives in Washington, DC. (See Sarah Wells' April 21 email to snac-coopmembers-bounces@lists.village.Virginia.EDU)

In order to accurately plan for the meeting, please contact Sarah (spw4s@virginia.edu) by **May 31** with the following:

1) Who will be the primary representative from your member institution? (We will reimburse that person's travel costs, for those coming from outside the DC-commutable area.)

2) Will anyone else be attending? If so, please send a list of names.

3) Do you or your fellow attendees have food allergies or requirements?