

June 2017 Update

News from the Operations Committee

Update on Grant Proposal

“Social Networks and Archival Context Cooperative: Pilot Phase II, Proposal to The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation” was submitted on April 11, 2017. The draft document proposes completion of the pilot phase of establishing the social and technological infrastructure, and development of a business model that will ensure long-term sustainability. Once Mellon has reviewed the proposal, a response will be sent to Daniel Pitti, which will include any revision requests.

General Updates from Interest Groups

Communications

On June 7 at 12 noon Eastern (9 am Pacific) the Communications Working Group will review portions of the Cooperative members web portal (currently in-development) with the web developer, Shayne Brandon, and with Laura Campbell. The group will be looking at the site as a repository for SNAC documentation; testing title keyword searching and format tagging.

SNAC School

The SNACSchool Working Group successfully executed a trial run training event on May 10th. Using the National Archives Innovation Hub space as the classroom, the working group delivered a mock training experience to five persons in the physical space and five persons remotely via GoToMeeting. It was a combination of instructional slides and live demonstration in the SNAC-dev system. During the experience, students took notes, and shared immediate feedback with the group. From now until the first official SNACSchool event in July, we will use our notes and comments to refine the instructional slides, and to inform possible rethinking of the overall delivery of training.

The SNACSchool leadership wants to thank the following SNAC partners for their participation and feedback: Dina Herbert for support in the NARA Innovation Hub; Alan Mark for note taking and live script support; Barbara Aikens and Megan Burdi for in-person participation, note taking, and immediate reactions; Ginger Yowell from the Smithsonian Archives for her participation and immediate feedback; and Nancy Kennedy, Amanda Nelson, Melanie Muller, Susan Pyzynski, Glen Wiley and Melanie Yolles for their participation and patience during the GoToMeeting portion of the event.

With support and cooperation from the Branford Price Millar Library at Portland State University, SNACSchool will premiere on Wednesday, July 26, during the Society of American Archivists annual meeting week, in Portland, Oregon. SNACSchool Working Group’s goal is to fully train one SNAC user/editor from each of our partner institutions to fulfill part of obligations for training

under the current Mellon grant. Please see below for more information on upcoming opportunities for SNAC Training for Cooperative Members.

Standards and Editorial Policy

The following standards and editorial policies are in progress this past month.

1. Editorial and review process for SNAC identities
2. Recommendations on thesauri and ontologies to use as guidance within SNAC
3. Recommendations on display and naming for SCM

Once Standards and Editorial Group follow-up has been finalized, these policies will be moved forward to the Technology Group.

Technology

The Technology Group awaits policy recommendations from the Standards and Editorial Policy Group.

Requests for Feedback

Please review the guidelines for the use of SNAC Core Metadata (See Alexis Antracoli's May 25 email to snac-coopmembers-bounces@lists.village.Virginia.EDU), thinking about the following issues:

- How should the SCM button be labeled?
- Should related resources and sources be independent lists or should it be possible for a related resource to be a source and vice versa?
- What fields should be required?
- What is the best workflow for entering this information and how should it be reflected in the SNAC interface?
- How important is it to have a WYSIWYG editor for entering information?
- Other feedback is also welcome.

Please leave your comments in the Google doc

<<https://docs.google.com/document/d/165AfkxWKFIPH2U0hxsWObjGuap01boACNQ6oQQj49I/edit?usp=sharing>>.

SNAC Social Media

Twitter

[@SNACcooperative](#) was cross referenced in a tweet about a Tumblr Post, [Introducing: Six Degrees on Wikidata](#). The post discusses Wikidata and specifically mentions SNAC's role in Wikidata, highlighting the project's potential in connecting collections and personalities.

Continue to follow SNAC on Twitter! If you have an idea for a project or campaign, email Dina Herbert at Dina.Herbert@nara.gov.

Other Announcements

SNAC Training for Cooperative Members

Because the commitment to Mellon is to have at least one representative from each institution complete SNAC training, SNACSchool will be offering two training opportunities before the end of the pilot in the fall. Designated partners should take one of the trainings offered by Jerry Simmons and Dina Herbert (see Dina's May 26 email to snac-coopmembers-bounces@lists.village.Virginia.EDU):

- **SNACSchool at SAA, Portland, OR**
We will be offering a training session on Wednesday, July 26, 9:30am-4pm at the [Portland State University Millar Library](#) (near the convention center and hotels). **The space will hold 40 people** and if you plan to be at SAA we hope you join us then.
- **SNACSchool at SNAC Meeting #4, Washington DC**
We will be offering a training session during SNAC Meeting #4 in the National Archives in DC on Thursday, Sept.28, times TBA. **This space is limited to 20 people.**
- **Remote Option**
There will be a remote option through GoToMeeting available for both events although we encourage partners to participate in person. If you can only join remotely, GTM information will be sent after registration.

Please let Dina Herbert know which training opportunity a representative can attend by **COB June 30**. If you have additional questions, please contact Dina at Dina.Herbert@nara.gov (202-357-5265).