

July 2017 Update

News from the Operations Committee

SNAC development

Features currently being developed include the following: an expanded search feature that includes a new browse function; merge functionality; SNAC Dashboard clean up; and continuing evolution of SCM (SNAC Content Metadata). A new variation on the old radial graph is also in development. To see a test visualization, follow the link and click on "Connection Graph."

<http://snac-dev.iath.virginia.edu/~dr3f/snac/www/?command=view&constellationid=60840396&version=8898324>

Update on Grant Proposal

A response to Mellon was submitted on June 7. This included projections for what SNAC will have accomplished at the end of the new grant cycle, and an improved business model with input from John Unsworth.

General Updates from Interest Groups

Communications

The Communications Working Group met with Shayne Brandon and Laura Campbell on June 7 to review portions of the SNAC Cooperative members' web portal (in development). The Communications group began discussing initial thoughts on the site during a June 12 meeting; and will submit all feedback to Shayne and Laura by July 15.

SNAC School

The SNACSchool Working Group continues development of training materials for our inaugural training event at the Society of American Archivists annual meeting in Portland, Oregon, in July. This first SNACSchool event will be held the Millar Library on the campus of Portland State University on Wednesday, July 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It will be a live, classroom event as well as a remote experience via GoToMeeting. There are still seats available, and

SNACSchool strongly encourages all current SNAC partners to participate. Please contact NARA SNAC Liaison Dina Herbert (dina.herbert@nara.gov) to register for the event.

NARA's SNAC Liaisons Team will be on hand in the the SAA registration area with a SNAC information table on July 27 and 28. If you're attending SAA, please stop by and say hello. Several SNAC partners have offered their time at the table, and Jerry and Dina would appreciate a break during these two days. Also, please encourage friends and colleagues who are curious about SNAC to stop by the table for demo.

Standards and Editorial Policy

The following standards and editorial policies are still in progress:

1. Editorial and review process for SNAC identities has been reviewed with the SNACSchool group and re-drafted. This re-drafted editorial and review process will be sent out to larger group by mid-July for final review.
2. Recommendations on thesauri and ontologies to use as guidance within SNAC is being drafted and will be ready for review in July.
3. Recommendations on display and naming for SCM was reviewed with the development team at UVA and is in progress for re-drafting.
4. Recommendations for minimum element set for a SNAC record is also in progress for a first draft.

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

SNAC Social Media

Twitter

This summer we will be doing a Twitter campaign about Polar Explorers and making connections between the individuals and SNAC member institutions. Follow along at [@snaccooperative](https://twitter.com/snaccooperative) and learn about them. If you have thoughts or feedback please contact Dina at Dina.Herbert@nara.gov