

# September 2017 Update

## News from the Operations Committee

### Update on Grant Proposal

The second (and final) two-year pilot phase to establish the SNAC Cooperative will, if approved, begin November 1, 2017 and conclude October 31, 2019. By the conclusion of Phase II, SNAC proposes to have a business model in place to ensure that the Cooperative is sustainable going forward without regular outside funding.

### Cooperative Members Web Portal

Due to extraneous factors (long-term set-up of ARK references to Identity Constellations), members need to go to <http://portal.snaccooperative.org/user> to log in.

### Technology

Robbie and Worthy are looking at migrating the About information on [http://socialarchive.iath.virginia.edu/home\\_prototype.html](http://socialarchive.iath.virginia.edu/home_prototype.html) over to snac-web, the "alpha version" of snac. Although not everything may work correctly on the site, members will be able to view all the new features/changes in development.

What they may look like in the new system:

[http://snac-dev.iath.virginia.edu/~jh2jf/snac\\_server/www/static/about/about.html](http://snac-dev.iath.virginia.edu/~jh2jf/snac_server/www/static/about/about.html).

In this "alpha" system, you'll notice the "About" button at the top, which will send you into this section. Clicking the snac logo at the top-left will return you to the "explore" page of the "alpha" version (the default page for snac-web).

## General Updates from Interest Groups

### Communications

The Communications group has submitted to the Operations Committee a proposed file-naming convention for documents added to the forthcoming Cooperative Web Portal:

[Shortened version of working group name]\_[document-title]\_[YYYY-MM-DD]

For example "Communications\_file-naming-convention\_2017-08-28"

## Standards and Editorial Policy

The following policy issues are being worked on by various sub-groups within the Standards and Editorial Policy.

- SNAC editorial workflow
- Global ontologies, standards, and thesauri to be used within SNAC
- Authority work integration
- SNAC metadata (SCM) recommendations
- Demographic groups representation within identities (embargo issues, privacy implications)
- Minimum element set for a SNAC record

We are hoping to finalize these policies so that requirements can be updated and reviewed with the Technology Group by the September meeting.

## Requests for Feedback

### Standards and Editorial Policy

If you are a part of one of the sub-groups who signed up to work on drafting a policy noted on the policy issue tracker ([https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1I7iGgDVkYRIC5NDkH\\_2\\_Yg7nVC4ULncZRYbyW54FGrY/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1I7iGgDVkYRIC5NDkH_2_Yg7nVC4ULncZRYbyW54FGrY/edit?usp=sharing)), please take a look and follow up with [Susan Pyzynski](#) and [Rachael Hu](#) to provide an update on your progress. We would like to wrap up these policy drafts so we can review with the Technology Group and understand the SNAC system requirement ramifications by our SNAC meeting in September. We hope to have draft policies in place by Sep 8.

## Other Announcements

### Welcome New Members

The following institutions will formally join the Cooperative on November 1:

- Archives, National Centre for Biological Sciences, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bangalore, India
- Archives nationales de France

- Brigham Young University
- Cecilia Preston (individual scholar)
- Jane Addams Papers (documentary editing project)
- Mojave Desert Archives
- University of Nebraska
  - Library
  - Walt Whitman Archive (documentary editing project)
- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- University of Oregon
- Utah State Archives

*For additional information regarding incoming members, please see Daniel's August 01 e-mail to [snac-coopmembers@lists.village.virginia.edu](mailto:snac-coopmembers@lists.village.virginia.edu).*

### **SNAC Meeting, September 27-28, Washington, DC**

The hotel for the upcoming meeting is :

Beacon Hotel & Corporate Quarters

1615 Rhode Island Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20036

(800) 821-4367

Although it is further away from NARA than the previous hotel, it's a nice 1.5 miles walk (31 minutes, according to Google). If you wish to take the DC Metro, you can walk to the Farragut North station and take the Red line to Gallery Place. See <<https://goo.gl/maps/ovYyFD752Us>> for a Google map.

Please also note the you should make your own travel arrangements. See Sarah's August 17 email to [snac-coopmembers@lists.village.virginia.edu](mailto:snac-coopmembers@lists.village.virginia.edu) for more information.

## **SNAC Outreach/Presentations**

### August

- Project update for the Smithsonian Institution Research Information System. August 10, 2017. Presenters: Jerry Simmons and Dina Herbert.

### September

- “Social Networks and Archival Context: From R&D to Cooperative Program.” CERN, Geneva, Switzerland. September 11. Presenter: Daniel Pitti.
- “Social Networks and Archival Context: From R&D to Cooperative Program.” Zurich Central Library, Zurich, Switzerland. September 12. Presenter: Daniel Pitti.