# April 2018 Update

## News from the Operations Committee

The Operations Committee met on March 4, 2018.

## SNAC Members Meeting and SNACSchool training

The SNAC Cooperative two-day Members Meeting in 2018 will be contiguous with the SAA Annual Meeting.

- Date: Monday-Tuesday, August 13-14, 2018, times to be determined

- Location: Innovation Hub, U.S. National Archives, 700 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC

SNACSchool training session will be held:

- Date: Wednesday, August 15, 2018, 9 am-4 pm

- Location: Library of Congress John Adams Building, 120 2nd St SE, Washington, DC 20002

Members will be responsible for travel expenses and for making their own hotel arrangements. Please see Daniel Pitti's March 21 email to SNAC-CoopMembers@lists.village.virginia.edu for more information. Hope to see everyone there!

## Editing Principle statement

The SNAC Editorial Policy and Standards Working Group submitted a draft SNAC "Editing Principle" to the Operations Committee. The intention behind the statement is simply to describe the intellectual and ethical approach of description of Corporate Bodies, Persons, and Families in SNAC, and to post the statement on the SNAC Website. The Operations Committee submitted the document to the Cooperative Members for review from the period of March 12 - March 23.

The Editing Principle can be found here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Maz9P0L0PyXyI1xMGWWavNO497BSlpzlHJacJOPusQc/edit

Please see Daniel Pitti's March 12 email to SNAC-CoopMembers@lists.village.virginia.edu snac-coopmembers@lists.village.virginia.edu for more information.

**Technology Development Update**

Updated resource "cache" handling will be available this month on http://snac-dev.iath.virginia.edu/ and rolling out to the production website soon. Currently, an editor can add a new resource when creating the resource relation in a constellation, but cannot edit the information about the resource after creation. The technology team is currently cleaning data and testing the ability to search for and update resources outside of the normal Constellation edit page. This update will also show which Constellations are designated as holding repositories in SNAC.

The technology team has rolled out some new features to http://snaccooperative.org/ over the past few weeks:

- An upgraded messaging center

- The renaming of "HRT" view to "Simplified View."

- OSTicket support center integration to make feedback and contact form submissions simpler and more efficient

Finally, there have been some good real-world tests of the SNAC rest API over the past few weeks, including participation in a hackathon at UVA in which one team used the SNAC API in building an Amazon Alexa skill to search SNAC.

# General Updates from Working Groups

### Communications

The Communications Working Group met on March 12 to continue work on the official SNAC Powerpoint presentation that members will be asked to refer to when presenting about SNAC. The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, when the working group plans to finalize the draft to submit to the Operations Committee for approval. Other upcoming projects include crafting language for the SNAC public-facing "About" web page and maintaining a "History of SNAC" web page.

### Editorial Policy and Standards

The SNAC Editorial Policy and Standards Working Group submitted a draft SNAC "Editing Principle" to the Operations Committee. See the announcement in the News from the Operations Committee section of this newsletter.

### SNACSchool

(Nothing submitted thus far 2018-04-03.)

### Technology Infrastructure

Mark Custer (Yale University) has taken over the position of Chair of the Technology Infrastructure Working Group. Thank you to Nancy Kennedy for her service and welcome Mark!

## Other Announcements/ Requests for Participation

### Twitter/Social Media Opportunity

Dina Herbert at NARA will be going out on maternity leave for about 3 months starting around the end of April/beginning of May. She runs the twitter account and we don't want it to go dark! Are you interested in helping out to tweet? Or, better yet, have a great summer intern at your institution or new staff member looking to have some fun for a few weeks and sharpen social media skills? Please let Dina know! There will be many ready-to-go tweets but this could be a great opportunity for an intern or staff member to have some fun in the summer. Email Dina.herbert@nara.gov! And remember to check us out at https://twitter.com/SNACcooperative @snaccooperative

### Communications Working Group Seeking Members

The Communications Working Group is seeking new volunteer members! As the Cooperative moves into Phase II, our communications needs are increasing. Soon the group will be handling both internal and external SNAC communications and could use some extra hands. If you've got a knack for writing, editing, and/or creative thinking, please consider volunteering for this exciting opportunity to help define our new communication channels!