

May 2018 Update

News from the Operations Committee

The Operations Committee met on April 4, 2018.

SNAC Members Meeting and SNACSchool training

Reminder: SNAC Cooperative Members Meeting will take place Monday-Tuesday, August 13-14, 2018, times to be determined

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

A 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

Please remember that members are responsible for travel and lodging.

Quarterly Working Group Planning?

The Operations Committee has embarked on a quarterly working group planning process wherein working group chairs will identify strategic and project goals for their areas. For the first quarter of 2018 (January - March), projects and accomplishments include:

- Technology WG: Draft a crosswalk between SNAC, ArchivesSpace, and and EAC-CPF fields
- Editorial and Standards Policy WG: Drafted SNAC ethos statement
- Communications WG: Drafted SNAC branding materials, including SNAC slidedeck for presentations
- Training and Outreach: Planned and completed #SNACConstellations Twitter campaign

The working group chairs are currently defining projects and resource requirements for the second quarter (April - June) and will provide ongoing updates.

Technical Development Updates

SNAC Stats: We've created a page that presents weekly stats on SNAC, with more data coming soon. For example, we've had 675 edits this week alone! Members can view the page at <http://snaccooperative.org/stats>.

Interface Changes: Coming this month, there will be a few tweaks to the interface as we add support in production for editing resources and identifying Constellations that are holding repositories. Preview the changes now at <http://snac-dev.iath.virginia.edu>.

General Updates from Working Groups

Communications

The Communications Working Group is crafting language for the SNAC public-facing "About" web page. The group is considering what SNAC means to a wide audience of users, both academic and independent, and how best to present what the [HRT] is so that it equally conveys what it is not. For example, it is important to promote that a user can find resources through SNAC while making clear that SNAC is not the repository or owner of the resources. Many of the user experience issues will be gathered from reference requests.

The official SNAC Powerpoint presentation that members will be asked to refer to when presenting about SNAC is in its final revision stage before submitting to the Operations Committee for approval.

SNACSchool

The SNACSchool Working Group is busy developing new instructional materials in preparation for our next event on August 15, 2018, during the Society of American Archivists conference week. Our Library of Congress partners will host us at the Adams Building computer lab, so be aware that some travel between the conference hotel and Capitol Hill is required. We will broadcast times, room number information, and training materials as the date approaches. We will welcome only 20 students for this "in-classroom only" event. There will be no remote options. Please contact Jerry Simmons (jerry.simmons@nara.gov) with questions, or with registration requests.

Other Announcements/ Requests for Participation

Outreach in Oslo, Norway

Jerry Simmons participated in *Libraries in the Sky: Large-scale Collaboration Strategies and Infrastructures to Enhance the use of Digital Heritage Collections*. The conference welcomed librarians, archivists and digital information specialists from Norway, Sweden, Scotland, Serbia, France, Italy, England and the United States. Jerry's presentation,

Global Discovery of Special Collections and Archives via the SNAC (Social Networks and Archival Context) Data Cooperative highlighted collaborative activity between NARA, LC, and the Smithsonian to promote access to collections.

SNACSchool:

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Please contact Jerry Simmons at jerry.simmons@nara.gov before July 15 if you would like to register for the class. This will be an “in-classroom” experience only. There will be no remote option for this event.

Twitter/Social Media Opportunity

Are you interested in helping [tweet](#) for SNAC? Or, better yet, do you 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? If your institution has any Tweets or upcoming SNAC related events this summer you'd like SNAC to help promote through retweeting, please contact Amanda Nelson (anelson@aip.org) 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!

Contact Kelly Spring at kspring@uci.edu for more information.