July 2018 Update

General Updates from Working Groups

Editorial Policy and Standards

A draft Demographics Policy was completed and opened for comment. We held a virtual meeting on June 18, and agreed to a standing monthly meeting on the 3rd Monday of every month at 3:00 ET (4th Monday when a holiday conflicts).

SNACSchool

The SNACSchool Working Group met June 27th to discuss progress on the following: Training module development for new SNAC functionality including **Source citation and Cite**, **Resource Management**, and **Merge**. The working group also discussed current work to revamp/improve existing modules for create/edit person name, corporate body, and family name, which will have specialized instructions in the future.

Also on the June 27th agenda:

Onboarding of two new local SNAC reviewers:

Kit Messick (Getty Research Institute) and Jodi Berkowitz (UNC-Chapel Hill/Southern Historical Collection) started local review back in May. The NARA SNAC Liaisons thank Kit and Jodi for taking on the task of local review. We encourage others who might be interested in local review to contact Jerry Simmons.

New Training the Trainer program:

Part of the working group's obligations for the current grant phase is to increase the number of SNACSchool trainers in the cooperative. The working group hopes to have a plan in place by the end of 2018, then start developing new training materials for an event at SAA 2019 in Austin, Texas.

SAA in Washington, D.C., Aug. 13-17, 2018:

Jerry and Dina remind everyone that we still have seats available for SNACSchool at the Library of Congress Adams Building on Wednesday, August 15th. This is an in-person event only, and we will only accept 20 trainees. Please let us know if anyone from your shop needs training and we can add them to the list. The NARA SNAC Liaisons will also host the SNAC information table in the conference registration area on August 16 and 17. Please stop by when you're in the conference space, and please consider volunteering to staff the table during those two days. We will have laptops available for SNAC demos!

Looking forward to July 2019, SAA Austin, Texas:

The Lyndon B. Johnson Library has kindly offered to host SNACSchool at SAA! The day, time and details are to be determined. NARA's SNAC Liaisons plan to kick off their program to train and integrate NARA catalogers from presidential libraries during this event.