

SNAC April 2019 Newsletter

News from the Operations Committee

Our next SNAC Partners Meeting will be Sept. 2019 at the National Archives in Washington, DC. Please take this [short survey](#) to tell us what the best dates for you are. If you have questions, contact Dina Herbert at NARA at dina.herbert@nara.gov.

General Updates

Communications:

The Communications working group is working with Jason Jordan on portal functionality in regards to access, ease of use, and tracking changes.

The Communications working group is also exploring a “members area” for future inclusion on the SNAC public website. This potential area has been identified by the Standards and Editorial Policy working group as an ideal place to post policies such as Minimal and Optimal Fields.

Developer’s Update (Joseph and Jason):

SNACSchool and NARA Liaisons Team:

During the past month, NARA’s SNAC Liaisons have continued their efforts in the area of SNAC outreach. Dina Herbert continued her work to edit a number of SNAC records for persons and organizations with suffrage and women’s rights connections. The newest class of WikiScholars are using this updated SNAC records as part of their research and citation work while creating and updating a number of Wikipedia articles. Dina’s efforts also contribute to a project at NARA to integrate SNAC identity constellations into a website to accompany the new Rightfully Hers exhibit scheduled to open soon in the McGowan exhibition space at the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C.

On March 13, the NARA Liaisons Team, along with Smithsonian partner Lesley Parilla, visited the Folger Shakespeare Library to present a full SNAC introduction and demonstration to a group of Folger staff, among them librarians, archivists, museum collections staff and digital specialists. The Folger Library seeks membership and involvement in SNAC as part of future projects.

Scheduling of SNACSchool training events will be the focus of the SNACSchool Team’s April 4th meeting. The team hopes to schedule at least three full training events; one in the late Spring, a second in August during the Society of American Archivists’ meeting in Austin, Texas, and a third event alongside the next all-partners meeting tentatively set for September. Anyone interested in upcoming SNACSchool events should contact jerry.simmons@nara.gov or dina.herbert@nara.gov for more information.

Standards and Editorial Policy:

The Editorial and Standards group had their monthly meeting on March 18. We are currently reviewing the draft policy proposal on Source Citations:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lwWjDiN6oD7pBdkTldKDtgR5PSiSC0OZB_ZCFII96GY/edit

We are also working on making our approved policies publicly available on the SNAC portal.

Other Announcements