

SNAC July 2019 Newsletter

News from the Operations Committee

General Updates

Directors:

Sue Perdue, Daniel Pitti and Jerry Simmons attended a meeting organized by the California Digital Library to consider a “National Archival Finding Aid Network.” The meeting was held at UC Riverside on June 17, 2019. Also present were representatives from CNI, Mellon Foundation, OCLC, Lyrasis, Library of Congress, state and regional archival access consortia, and others. Many of the existing archival access consortia are based on aged systems and almost all exist on limited resources. Some consortia have simply failed in the last few years for lack of a champion or resources. Those attending discussed whether there is interest in a national “aggregator” of archival description. While there was no clear consensus on the way forward, SNAC is very much under consideration as a host for the national network.

Developer’s Update:

A number of new features can be found on the SNAC development site, including a method for [Viewing Shared Resources](#) between different CPFs, a new [Tab for Holding Repositories](#), and the [Concept Vocabulary](#) system. There is also a new API key system for authentication and accessing the SNAC API, which will allow SNAC users to authorize scripts or programs to make edits and changes without having to go through a Google log-in.

We are currently collecting feedback on the interface and design of these features, so feel free to experiment with them on [SNAC-Dev](#) and let us know what you think!

SNACSchool and NARA Liaisons Team:

Planning continues for two upcoming SNACSchool events. The first will be August 2, at the Lyndon B. Johnson Library, during the Society of American Archivists conference week. The second will be on September 18, the day before the next SNAC all-partners’ meeting on September 19 and 20. This SNACSchool event will be hosted by our Smithsonian Library partners, and will take place at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History, just a short walk from the National Archives building in downtown Washington, D.C. If you, or any of your colleagues are interested in SNACSchool on

either of these two dates, please contact [Jerry Simmons](#) with questions and to register for the event.

Standards and Editorial Policy:

Our June meeting was a joint meeting with the TIWG, and Joseph demoed the work he has done on vocabulary management in the dev site. We also showed the new Policy checklist to the TIWG, and were supportive of it and willing to take on their role in evaluating draft policies, and in helping implement accepted policies.

Other Announcements

Help needed at the SNAC information table at SAA Austin ...

NARA's SNAC Liaisons are recruiting cooperative partners to staff the SNAC information table at Society of American Archivists annual conference in Austin, Texas, this August 1st through 6th. We really need folks to help out on Aug. 4, 5, and 6. Please contact [Jerry Simmons](#) with questions. To sign up, add your name and contact information to this spreadsheet: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14h9ndtxuQefgZt2YOktmjX3ey7RkyfTDRtFsVYJBk0/edit#gid=0>