

Society of Ohio Archivists (SOA) Council Meeting

Friday, August 23, 2024

10:30 AM (EST)

Attendees: Matt Francis, Helen Conger, Jim DaMico, Amber Bales, Sophia McGuire, Kristen Newby, Jennifer Long Morehart, Sarah Aisenbrey, Melissa Dalton, Sara Mouch, Michelle Sweetser, Emily Gainer, Betsy Hedler, Hannah Kemp-Severence, Nicole Sutton, Jim McKinnon, Jessica Heys, Shelby Beatty (minutes)

1. Welcome

- a. President Matt Francis called the meeting to order at 10:32 AM.

2. Minutes

- a. Francis motioned to approved minutes from the June 20, 2024 meeting. Council member seconds (cut off in recording), motion carries.

3. Committee Reports

a. Treasurer

- i. Treasurer Sophia McGuire – Current balance is \$19,601.71. Information added incorrectly into transaction log (inaccurate for at least one year). Never really matched up with our bank account. \$1,245.29 accessible in transaction log. \$970 added incorrectly. Explains some of the error, but still looking into this. Starting fresh with current balance (no previous balance listed on current report).
 1. McGuire - \$875 going to be returned to us. Capital University invoiced us again for Spring conference, so we will be reimbursed. W9 needs updated address for reimbursement. Currently has previous treasurer's address.
 2. Betsey Hedler – OHC is the ongoing mailing address for SOA.

b. Membership & Awards (M&A)

- i. Helen Conger – Bringing the two subcommittees together. Reviewing scholarship and merit award rubrics with comments from JEDAI. We hope to have that ready by Thanksgiving for review.
 1. Conger – When do we submit budget items to Council?
 2. Melissa Dalton – Last year, committees started looking at budgets for next fiscal year in August-September.
 - a. Francis – Review last year's budget to get started. Reach out to me or Sophia for guidance if needed.

c. Marketing & Communication (MCC)

- i. Emily Gainer – We launched our Instagram Takeover opportunity. Four monthly sign ups so far. August, September, October, and February filled. Our hope is to get different types of Archives from across the state. Right now, we have two from Akron, one from Columbus, and one from Dayton.

d. Nominating

- i. Francis - No report

e. Newsletter

- i. Jessica Heys – Newsletter in process. Nothing to add.

f. Educational Programming (EPC)

- i. Sara Mouch – Committee met and reviewed how the Spring Annual Meeting went. Also met to start planning for 2025. Looking towards northern Ohio locations for next Annual Meeting. Working on finalizing shepherds for OLHA/SOA track. Established a standing meeting time to stay on track with tasks.

g. Advocacy & Outreach (A&O)

- i. Sarah Aisenbrey – We plan to do poster unveiling via social media and weekly photo uploads highlighting archival institution that submitted. All four blogs ready for Archives Month. We lost two members, gained one.
 - 1. Jim McKinnon – We may want to look at reaching out to members not participating consistently if they still want to be part of the committee.
 - a. Francis – Accountability and transparency are core values. You can absolutely reach out to inactive committee members.

h. Justice, Equity, Diversity, Accountability, and Inclusion (JEDAI)

- i. Nicole Sutton – Results from JEDAI Annual Meeting Engagement Discussion at Annual in committee report. Trends we pulled out include new professionals find presenting at SOA conference easy, mixed reviews on dues (can members donate to other member dues?), and there's not enough notice to prepare for annual meeting (planning for attendance, costs, etc.).
 - 1. Sutton - Having a mentorship program was mentioned (look to SAA program for guidance). Members asked about starting a discord/slack chat separate from a list serv. May help with establishing a mentorship program and connect with new professionals.
 - 2. McGuire – Like the idea of being able to connect with members directly. NAGARA has a good mentorship program. Happy to collaborate and contribute.
 - 3. Francis – Now is a good time to get a sustainable mentorship program in place.
- ii. Francis – Is there more concern for costs of membership rates or annual conference?
 - 1. Sutton – Both
 - 2. Dalton – We have a hardship program for membership financial assistance. Maybe create a program to help determine the need for member sponsorship.
 - a. Hedler – Something we can add to member sign up.
 - b. Dalton – Can create a bank for prepaid memberships to create a fund to utilize for those in need. Create an application for member sponsorship.
 - c. Francis – Give options to donate to membership dues and conference travel.
 - d. Kristen Newby – Maybe a silent auction option? For mentorship, should we give grad students and new professionals (mentees) an annual membership for participating in the program? A perk for participating in mentorship.
 - i. Francis – I like the possibility of this idea.
- iii. Francis – Connect with MCC to explore social/chat opportunities.
 - 1. Gainer – We can help.

4. New Business

- a. Web domain renewal discussion & vote
 - i. Francis motioned to vote on web domain reauthorization for 5 years at \$2,299 rate. Vice President Jennifer Long Morehart seconds, motion carries.
- b. Appointment & Approval of incoming committee co-chairs
 - i. M&A - Stephanie Shreffler
 - ii. Francis motioned to approved Stephanie Shreffler as a M&A co-chair. Council Member Kristen Newby seconds, motion carries.
- c. [SOA Council Voting & Intro doc](#) updated -- any corrections or additional information needed?

5. Old Business

- a. Role of SOA at-large SOA officers
 - i. Newby – Committee rep meeting on 9/11 to discuss this further.

6. Upcoming Meetings

- a. Next Meeting - September 27, 2024 at 10:30 (EST)
- b. Francis adjourned the meeting at 11:18 AM.

SOA Treasurer's Report 8/23/2024

Current Balance:

19,603.71

Payments:

-2,903.26

\$875 – Capital U – to be returned

\$1,328.26 – Dr. Lydia Tang honorarium & conference reimbursement

\$700 – OHC – 2 year contract fee & supplies

Deposits

+0.38 (interest)

Due to errors in the transaction log, the previous “current balance” reported was incorrect.

	\$126.38		17,463.66
		\$15.00	17,478.66
		\$0.16	18,449.31
	\$100.00		18,349.31

Society of Ohio Archivists Committee Reports

Date:	8/23/2024		
Committee:	Membership & Awards Committee		
Chairs:	Helen Conger, co-chair 2023-2025; Stephanie Shreffler, co-chair 2024-2026		
Council Liaison:			
Members:	Julia Teran	Devhra Bennett-Jones	Mark Bloom
	Marsha Miles	Cate Putirskis	
Mission/Summary:			
<p>The Membership & Awards Committee supports and recognizes the work of SOA members. Responsibilities include the general recruitment of new members, leading the annual membership drive, soliciting and reviewing award applications for the SOA Merit Award and meeting scholarships, supporting Ohio History Day including the issuing of SOA History Day awards, special projects in support of membership goals, and responding to general membership inquiries.</p>			
Goals for the Year (2024-2025):			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select winners of the Merit, Student/New Professional, and History Day Awards • revise rubric for New Professional & Student Scholarship/Merit Award selection • Membership Drive 2024-write and distribute the membership renewal letter. Communicate with OHC for distributing email blast for membership renewal notifications. • Update internship and membership webpages 			
Ongoing Issues and Challenges:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued transition as former Membership Committee and Awards Committee work as one, combined committee • New and Renewing 2024 SOA Memberships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current: As of 8/21/2024 membership roster: 160 memberships ○ Breakdown: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individual: 134 ▪ Student: 14 ▪ Bridge: 5 ▪ Patron: 3 ▪ Sponsor: 2 ▪ Lifetime: 2 <p>Compare to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2023: 142 (Society of Ohio Archivists Council Minutes, March 28, 2023) ○ 2022: 153 (Society of Ohio Archivists business meeting minutes May 20, 2022) ○ 2021: 107 (Society of Ohio Archivists Council Minutes, March 10, 2021); 166 (Society of Ohio Archivists Council Minutes June 28, 2021) 			
Accomplished Goals:			

- confirmed committee membership
- confirmed co-chair for 2024-2026
- created standing monthly meeting for the committee
- reviewed timeline and committee tasks for year
- began revision of Student/New Professional Scholarship and Merit Award rubrics
- Updated and maintained the online SOA Membership Directory as well as the Internship and Volunteer Opportunities webpage

Society of Ohio Archivists Committee Reports

Date:	August 23, 2024	
Committee:	Marketing and Communications	
Cochairs:	Emily Gainer, Cummings Center for the History of Psychology (2020-, cochair 2024-2026); Amber Bales, Ohio State University (2022-, cochair 2024-2025)	
Members:	Janet Carleton, Ohio University (1999-) Julia Teran, Case Western Reserve University (2023-2025)	Katie Gable (2024-2026) <i>Open</i>

Mission/Summary:

The Marketing and Communications Committee is responsible for public relations and outreach for SOA through the process of generating content and maintaining the tools to communicate SOA information. Duties and responsibilities include updating the SOA website, maintaining social media accounts (Facebook, Flickr, ISSUU, LinkedIn, Pinterest, X/Twitter, YouTube), moderation of SOA Listserv, responding to SOA email inquiries, and documenting SOA events through photographs.

Goals for the Year (based on 2023-2026 Strategic Plan):

- Regularly update SOA's website and social media with relevant, timely, curated content: blog, DEI resources, internships page, passport, public information, etc.
- Evaluate and monitor marketing and communication channels making sure they give access to relevant information and resources.
- Raise awareness of SOA's public advocacy efforts by sharing news through all SOA media channels.
- Use SOA convening power to share resources from other entities doing the same work like MAC, Lyrisis, OhioNET, OhioDIG, OPC, ARMA, CARMA, CoSA, and others.

Ongoing Issues and Challenges:

- Deciding what social media platforms to join or devote less effort toward. Creating content for different social media platforms.

Accomplished Goals:

- Performed regular WordPress maintenance updating plugins, broken links, etc., communicating with super admin Phil Sager when necessary.
- Performed regular website content refresh and review
 - Posted **5** blog announcements since the last Council meeting.
 - Last 30 days: 4,640 page views (increase 33% from last month). Most visited 3 pages: 1) Homepage, 2) Annual Conference, 3) Celebrating the Ohio State Fair History
- Managed [SOA Listserv](#).
 - 394 members (+0)
 - Approved requests to join List, asking for confirmation when email address was generic. Posted SOA announcements and other announcements of general interest to the Listserv. Blocked spam.
- Managed Facebook [Page](#).
 - Posted timely announcements, including Fall meeting with OLHA; job postings; general

announcements from the field

- 200 likes; 270 followers (+13; +15)
- Managed [ISSUU](#) account
- Managed [Instagram](#) account
 - 141 followers (+29). 108 accounts reached in the last 30 days.
 - Launched Instagram takeover guidelines and signup on Aug. 19.
- Managed [LinkedIn Page](#)
 - 151 followers (+4). Building the account and exploring ways to use it.
- Managed [Pinterest](#)
- Managed X (formerly Twitter) account ([@ohioarchivists](#))
 - 1,033 followers (-1). Basic analytics are now only available with a Pro subscription.
- Managed [YouTube](#) account
 - 38 videos total. 28 subscribers (+1)

Society of Ohio Archivists Committee Reports			
Date:	August 23, 2024		
Committee:	<i>Ohio Archivist</i> Newsletter		
Editor:	Jessica Heys, Archives Contractor, Kettering Foundation & Cincinnati Museum Center (News & Notes Asst Ed, Fall 2017-current; Interim Editor, Spring 2022; Editor-in-Chief, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024)		
Asst Editors:	Jessica Heys, News & Notes (Fall 2017-Current)	Michelle Ganz, DEAI/Social Justice (Spring 2023-)	Emily Ahlin, Features (Spring 2023-)
		Penelope Shumaker, Digital Discussion (Fall 2023-)	Eira Tansey, Climate Control (Fall 2023-)
Mission/Summary:			
The <i>Ohio Archivist</i> is the official newsletter of the Society of Ohio Archivists. Its primary mission is to serve as a conduit for information about SOA and its membership. The <i>Ohio Archivist</i> also publishes articles containing general information about the archival profession, especially as it relates to archivists located within Ohio and the Midwest. (Approved by Council on 2/12/2010.)			
Goals for the Year:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am continuing to do the News & Notes for now. • Rethinking and expanding content topic areas • Pay more attention to readership tracking/statistics • Send out regular Guidelines reminders https://ohioarchivists.org/ohioarchivist/ohioarchivist_guidelines/ 			
Ongoing Issues and Challenges:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve as editor • Gain readership 			
Accomplished Goals:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring & Fall 2022 issues • Recruited assistant editors • Spring & Fall 2023 issues • Spring 2024 issue • Fall 2024 issue in progress 			

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Date:	August 20, 2024		
Committee:	Educational Programming Committee		
Chairs:	Sara Mouch, University of Toledo; Michelle Sweetser, Bowling Green State University		
Members:	Meghan Crawford, Capital University	Riza Miklowski, Akron-Summit County Public Library	Adam Wanter, MidPointe Library System
	Matt Francis, Ohio Northern University (President)	Jennifer Long Morehart, Bowling Green State University (VP)	
	Betsy Hedler, OHC/SOA Liaison	William Modrow, Miami University	
Mission/Summary:			
Plan the annual SOA spring annual conference and professional development workshops. Activities include choosing a conference theme, solicitation and selection of session presenters, selection of plenary speaker, publication and distribution of conference announcements, collecting conference evaluations, and planning professional development workshops of interest to members. Support for the Fall OHLA/SOA virtual conference.			
Goals for the Year:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordinate and plan the SOA Spring Annual Conference - Review and establish procedures and expectations for travel expenses and honoraria for plenary speaker(s). - Review guidelines for presenters; set expectations so that slides are submitted in advance to ease technical transitions if we continue to offer a hybrid conference model. - Coordinate with the Awards Committee on how we collect money for and determine the number of scholarship awards. 			
Ongoing Issues and Challenges:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Securing sessions for fall OLHA meeting. We will not need to do this for Fall 2025 as OHLA is partnering to host the AASLH conference. 			
Accomplished Goals (Summer 2024)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OLHA SOA track is filled; currently working to finalize shepherds. - Welcomed new committee member, Meghan Crawford. - Met to debrief on the spring meeting (July 1). - Met to begin planning for spring 2025 (August 15). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Discussed potential themes, including Funding the Archives: finding opportunities for development; fundraising activities; tools for successfully writing grant proposals; needs in the archives (capital, staffing, projects) and how to convey those needs to resource allocators o Discussed potential locations for the spring meeting, including Toledo, Bowling Green, and Ada. Committee members are working to secure cost estimates for those locations. The Quest Center has also asked to submit a proposal. - Established a standing meeting time for the year (third Thursday at 10 a.m.). 			

Date:	August 23, 2024			
Committee:	Advocacy and Outreach			
Chair:	Jim McKinnon/Sarah Aisenbrey			
Members:	Connie Conner	Kristina Schulz	Jacky Johnson	Christine Liebson
	Collette McDonough	Ken Grossi	Dana Best-Mizsak	Jim McKinnon
	George Bain	Jennifer Gerth	Natalie Fritz	

Mission/Summary:

The Advocacy and Outreach Committee is responsible for promoting advocacy in response to legislative issues that may impact archives, diversity, and the role of archives and archivists within society. The Advocacy and Outreach Committee will facilitate access to resources that will aid archivists in advocating for the profession and collections to administrators and institutional stakeholders. It also communicates news from the National Coalition for History. Additionally, the Advocacy and Outreach committee is responsible for advocating the importance of archives throughout the state of Ohio through programmatic planning such as Statehood Day, Archives Month, Archives Passport, Archives "Crawl," and MayDay.

Goals for the Year:

- Create the Archives Month poster
- Have an unveiling event for the poster
- Generate content for the SOA Blog that relates to advocate for Ohio's archives and archivists
- Collaborate with other SOA committees as needed
- Update our mission

Ongoing Issues and Challenges:

- Olympic Museum will no longer be doing the poster event due to our lack of funding - we are brainstorming new ideas for this
- Committee members that do not attend meetings or respond to emails
- Larger presence on social media

Accomplished Goals:

- Blog posts for archives month are in the works
- Finalizing plans for an October event related to archives month and our poster
- Finalizing the archives month poster/reveal event
- Working on updating the mission
- Amy Czubak and Laura Smith have decided to step away from A&O to pursue other adventures
- Kristina Schulz joined A&O

Date:	August 23, 2024	
Committee:	Society of Ohio Archivists Justice, Equity, Diversity, Accessibility, and Inclusion (JEDAI) Committee	
Co-Chairs:	Nicole Sutton, Columbus Metropolitan Library (2020- , co-chair 2023-2025) Hannah Kemp-Severence, University of Akron (2023- , co-chair 2024-2025)	
Members:	Devhra Benett-Jones, University of Cincinnati (2020-)	Meghan Crawford, Capital University (2024-)
	Madeline Fix, The Ohio State University (2020-)	Savannah Gould, Kent State University (2024-)
	Austin Hall, University of Cincinnati (2024-)	Michele Jennings, University of Dayton (2024-)
	Arjun Sabharwal, The University of Toledo (2023-)	Niel White, (2024-)
Mission/Summary:		
The JEDAI Committee is responsible for identifying, promoting, developing, and educating on antiracist and social justice efforts, actions, and resources for SOA Council, Committees, and Membership.		
Goals:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate SOA internal processes and come up with plans for improvement. • Organize the next Crucial Conversations session for the 2024 OLHA Annual Meeting. • Have a committee representative work with SOA Council members at large to discuss expanding their roles. 		
Ongoing Issues and Challenges:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None at this time. 		
Accomplished Goals:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Onboarded five new members to the committee! • Provided the 2024 SOA Annual Meeting session <i>Engagement Discussion: What Brings You to SOA?</i> and evaluated the results for trends and potential opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Observations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New professionals like ease of starting with presenting at conferences. ▪ Dues were contested-some said they were affordable, some said they were a barrier. ▪ Some felt that there is not enough notice for the annual meeting because registration opens fairly late, and it is difficult to make the ask to your employer until you know the specifics when registration actually opens so you know the registration cost and travel expense estimates. ▪ Mentorship was mentioned as a desire. We are aware that SOA is working on a mentorship program based on our strategic plan. 		

- Opportunities and Suggestions
 - Can members donate to scholarship funds during annual renewal?
 - Perhaps we explore more scholarship/fellowship opportunities. Michele can share some of her work with ARLIS/NA - [Conference Speakers of Color Fund - Art Libraries Society of North America \(arlisna.org\)](#).
 - Could we strengthen our social media connection with the Kent State MLIS program to bring in more early-career professionals? Haley Antell-Chan posts for Kent Special Collections - maybe Marketing and Communications could reach out to coordinate.
 - Could we add the icons that link our social media to the webpage?
 - Have we considered a SOA Discord or Slack?
 - Could we engage with more citizen archivists, like the [Ohio Lesbian Archives](#)? This may be a way to connect with a more diverse group of archivists. Perhaps we could showcase their collections on social media. It was mentioned the Sherri Goudy may have resources/connections to help us accomplish this.
 - Could registration open earlier for the annual meeting?
 - We just wanted to reiterate how excited we are about a mentorship program because we feel like it is a way for those who have held a leadership role in SOA to stay involved and really help those new to the career and/or the organization.
 - It was proposed that we consider a navigator program for our annual meeting like they have for [SAA](#). Our annual meeting is smaller, but it would still be helpful for new professionals to get acquainted with the organization and the conference setting.

SOA JEDAI Engagement Discussion SOA Annual Meeting May 17, 2024

--How long have you been active in SOA? How many people are in your group? List how long each person has been active (Names not necessary)

4 people: 2 yrs., 1-time attendee, 5 months (new member), 1 month (scholarship recipient)

--What brings you to SOA? What are you hoping to get out of SOA?

- Professional development / attendees are presenters at table
- wanting to be involved in profession
- networking
- convenience of location
- new in the field / getting involved / get more experience

--What hurdles have you found in connecting with SOA? Have you encountered barriers to involvement in SOA for yourself or do you know of barriers that others have encountered?

- barriers to travel (travel fatigue, time limits)
- membership fees due to tight budget ~~due~~ for prof. development
- some of us aren't full time archivists → so we aren't fully immersed in to the profession like full-time archives staff
- some positions don't allow for conference attendance (ref. lib, desk/service oriented jobs)

--What value do you get from involvement in SOA? Are you getting what you hoped for out of SOA?

- networking, change of pace from usual workweek, great opportunity for first-time presenter
- practical information, not theoretical

--Any other thoughts that you would like to include?

Good snacks!

We enjoy having the conference on a college campus

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• 24 years

• 1 year

• 20 years

• 18 years

• 17 years

6 people in group

--What brings you to SOA? What are you hoping to get out of SOA?

• Networking / get to know people.

• Having a sense of community around a profession.

• See what people are doing in Ohio.

• Ask questions of other people

• Looking for advice and mentorship, ways to break into profession

• Opportunities to present and develop research.

--What hurdles have you found in connecting with SOA? Have you encountered barriers to involvement in SOA for yourself or do you know of barriers that others have encountered?

- Hard to find out about opportunities as an online student. Maybe more of an online presence would be helpful
- Other than being a shy person, haven't had any
- First time attendee. All have been friendly and that removes hesitation in getting involved.
- Need different ways to reach out to people other than listserves so people can be more informed. Fewer emails ~~sent~~ and more social media.
- A social media strategy would be very helpful
- Long term member so no barriers. But could see it's hard for people to know.
- Not many opportunities for long term members, resp. those who were in leadership roles. Maybe add mentorship opps.

--What value do you get from involvement in SOA? Are you getting what you hoped for out of SOA?

- Received a lot of value from SOA. Have received awards
 - Nice to see where information leads people as a student
 - Opps. to present what I am doing with others.
 - Opp. to publish
 - Received a lot of colleagues
 - Accessible & reasonably priced for a conference.
 - Nice to speak to others doing same things
 - Great to network
 - Scholarship was very helpful
- Any other thoughts that you would like to include?
- Like the hybrid format!
 - Easier to talk in a session in-person.
 - Need outreach to citizen archivists. If you want inclusive archives, this is needed.

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--How long have you been active in SOA? How many people are in your group? List how long each person has been active (Names not necessary)

- 4-5 years
- 2 years - MCC com
- 2 years
- 20 years
- 8 years - jedai com.

--What brings you to SOA? What are you hoping to get out of SOA?

- revitalize state & regional orgs.
- engage MLIS students from Kent to be involved
- meeting other local professionals
- learning about what's happening across the state in other archives.
- get advice on shared topics and challenges.

--What hurdles have you found in connecting with SOA? Have you encountered barriers to involvement in SOA for yourself or do you know of barriers that others have encountered?

- Not knowing early enough when ^{& where} the annual event will be held.
 - More information about committee participation
- 1 Year - 100%
2 Years - 75%
3 Years - 50%
4 Years - 25%
5 Years - 10%

Challenges:
- get advice on clearing foggy areas
- state in other countries.
- learning about what's happening across the
- meeting other local professionals
- engage ML's students from here to be involved
- revitalize state & regional orgs.

--What value do you get from involvement in SOA? Are you getting what you hoped for out of SOA?

- networking + connections
- helpful resources.
- professional practices & learning

--Any other thoughts that you would like to include?

International & cross-border management
- cultural differences
- communication & negotiation

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2.5 yrs., 6 yrs, 3 yrs, intermittently, 3 yrs., 4 yrs.,

--What brings you to SOA? What are you hoping to get out of SOA?

To learn what others are doing

To network + commiserate

To find opportunities to collaborate

--What hurdles have you found in connecting with SOA? Have you encountered barriers to involvement in SOA for yourself or do you know of barriers that others have encountered?

None

--What value do you get from involvement in SOA? Are you getting what you hoped for out of SOA?

more professional connection
Education

Yes

--Any other thoughts that you would like to include?

Nothing

Nice that it's inexpensive

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8 people

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--How long have you been active in SOA? How many people are in your group? List how long each person has been active (Names not necessary)

6 years on/off

7 yrs on/off

2 years

2 yrs

4 yrs

5-ish yrs

2 yrs

3 yrs

--What brings you to SOA? What are you hoping to get out of SOA?

Prof. Development
Keeping abreast of current trends in the field
learning about projects, new skills + ideas
Networking!

--What hurdles have you found in connecting with SOA? Have you encountered barriers to involvement in SOA for yourself or do you know of barriers that others have encountered?

- Costs \$\$ to be member, attend meetings
- Location of annual meeting can be far away. Virtual is always an option, but it makes networking really hard/awkward.
- More advance notice of annual meeting time + place, would make attendance easier to plan for.
- ~~End Early~~ Time of year we hold SOA annual meeting is a time when many librarians and archivists are particularly busy, and it can be ^{hard} ~~hard~~ to get time off to attend.

--What value do you get from involvement in SOA? Are you getting what you hoped for out of SOA?

- Networking
- We've learned things applicable to our jobs.
- Getting more familiar with archival jargon
- Learning how things are done outside of our organizations.
- Getting familiarity with the archival field, even if not everything is applicable to us specifically.

--Any other thoughts that you would like to include?

- Presentations are often the same or very similar to other, related conferences in Ohio archival field (like OhioDIG, OHLA the annual meeting).
- Instead of being called the "JEDAI Committee" you could call yourself the "JEDAI Council".

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6 members -

17 yrs (2)

15 yrs

10 yrs

> 1 yr (2)

--What brings you to SOA? What are you hoping to get out of SOA?

Angie O'Neal (CML)

Digitization of newspaper collection

- accessibility with the library & archive

Student Scholarship

- GA at OU
- gaps in accessibility
- digital literacy education

Leadership position is really accessible

- very welcoming

Archives focused

Networking / learning what others are doing

Theme of
Conference

--What hurdles have you found in connecting with SOA? Have you encountered barriers to involvement in SOA for yourself or do you know of barriers that others have encountered?

Geography

- listserv helpful - open communication

Scholarship

Advocacy

Funding

Balance

Engagement - how do we

--What value do you get from involvement in SOA? Are you getting what you hoped for out of SOA?

Ease of ability to step up as a leader

Know people who are involved

Affordability

Listserv.

Networking opportunities

--Any other thoughts that you would like to include?

N/A

