



# The **Archivists Round Table** of Metropolitan New York, Inc.

## **Monthly Board Report December 7, 2020** **Online via Zoom**

### **Present:**

Colleen Daw  
Stephanie Neel  
Amye McCarther  
Nicholas Martin  
Anne Boissonnault  
Emily Andresini  
Ashton Wingate  
Megan Williams

### **Absent:**

Patricia Glowinski  
Cristina Fontánez Rodríguez  
Deidre Dinnigan

### **President**

#### *Open Issues and Discussion Items:*

- Discussion
  - Land acknowledgements
    - Thinking about a space on the ART website for a broader diversity statement that includes a land acknowledgement and other important things we can say about our work and its duty to honor history and memory, and how we do that in an inclusive way.
    - Currently many resources on the ART website that we could bring together; speaking with the Advocacy committee about how to make something more holistic out of these resources.
    - Princeton University's land acknowledgement:  
<https://inclusive.princeton.edu/initiatives/building-community/native-american-indigenous-inclusion/land-acknowledgements>. The attitude/recognition that we are learning and starting, seeking to build relationships, is important.
    - ARLIS/NA Guidelines (N-9):  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Sboh3s\\_Zo5NZacxG0JCnir-i2q6nEaCv\\_OlyAMLebk0/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Sboh3s_Zo5NZacxG0JCnir-i2q6nEaCv_OlyAMLebk0/edit?usp=sharing)
    - The Autry Museum has been hosting open discussions once a month on a repatriation workbook they've been creating under an IMLS grant. One of the curators of Autry talked about not creating a burden for tribal members. What kinds of guidelines can be developed as a community that people who are new to this can



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- learn from without burdening, and having the opportunity to reach out if they feel that's appropriate?
  - Spring Preservation Symposium (April/May)
    - Many people outside of New York attended Archives Week. Interest in organizing a similar kind of event in the springtime around Preservation Week.
    - Specifically thinking about technology, since this generated a lot of interest and discussion during Archives Week.
    - Reach out to speakers individually, with the same speaker fee structure as with Archives Week? Something different?
    - Similar to Archives Week, there will be a week of programming with a symposium.
    - Significant interest in digital preservation within the ART mentorship program.
    - Opportunity to spotlight projects people are currently working on; provide visibility for technical skills that archivists are bringing to the field right now -- elevate perception of what archivists do.
    - Good to continue to create products and programs to create and give back to the archival community.
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### **Past President**

*Open Issues and Discussion Items:*

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### **Vice President**

*Open Issues and Discussion Items:*

- Director of Education election update, candidate Danielle Nista
    - Election will go live on Wednesday, December 9
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### **Treasurer**

*Open Issues and Discussion Items:*

- Archives Week speakers: are anonymous donations to Archival Workers Relief Fund possible?
  - P.O. Box update
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## **Advocacy**

*Open Issues and Discussion Items:*

- Contacted the AC regarding Amye's call for advocacy-related articles for the Metropolitan Archivist and for the AC's input into the advocacy section of the new website.
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## **Education**

*Open Issues and Discussion Items:*

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## **Publications**

*Open Issues and Discussion Items:*

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## **Communications**

*Open Issues and Discussion Items:*

- Social Media Metrics ~4 announcements / posts this month
    - Twitter: 4,203 (+34) followers ; 7,649 interactions with posts
    - Instagram: 690 (+58) followers ; 194 interactions with posts
      - Linktree received 190 visits (+14 from last month)
    - Facebook
      - Group: 609 (+3) ; no data
      - Page: 723 (no growth) ; 132 interactions with posts
    - LinkedIn: 947 (+6) followers ; no data
  - Amye: spotlighting some of the authors/stories from the Metropolitan Archivist?
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## **Programming**

*Open Issues and Discussion Items:*

- Holiday Party on Friday, December 11 -- Cristina, Amye, and Megan put together a program:
  - Presentation about Prohibition-era Harlem
  - Barchives (making cocktails at home - menu will be sent to registrants)
- Donations to Archival Workers Emergency Fund
- Colleen will send email around to members of the mentorship program
- Announcement went out on Saturday, December 4; 33 people have registered so far.
  - Posting to SM throughout the week
- Tech rehearsal or run-through the day before the event to go over breakout rooms on Zoom and screen-sharing for speakers
  - Colleen can help since she used breakout rooms for the mentorship event



## Membership

*Open Issues and Discussion Items:*

- Membership Report
    - Friend of ART: 17, Active: 14
    - Honorary: 10,
    - Members: 293, Active: 215, New: 8
    - Sponsorship: 13, Active: 12
    - Student Members: 144, Active: 58, New: 10
    - Sustaining Membership: 5, Active: 3
  - Speed Networking
    - Heard from participants, really enjoyed and got a lot out of it.
    - 7 mentors, 2 mentees per room; registered: 8 mentors, 19 mentees
    - Next time:
      - Week night, earlier around 6 pm
      - Month-long planning time
      - Get as many mentors in advance as possible
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## Outreach

*Open Issues and Discussion Items:*

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## Secretary

*Open Issues and Discussion Items:*

- Website update
  - Amye and Steph had another meeting with Pratt UX class on November 18, for a usability mid-point review. Next meeting is in mid-December for final presentation.
- Helping with video edits for Archives Week
  - Megan can also help with Archives Week editing
- Merging the two Vimeo accounts