



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

Monthly Board Report January 11, 2021
Online via Zoom

Present:

Amye McCarther
Danielle Nista
Nicholas Martin
Colleen Daw
Cristina Fontáñez Rodríguez
Megan Williams
Anne Boissonnault
Emily Andresini
Patricia Glowinski
Stephanie Neel

Absent:

Ashton Wingate
Deidre Dinnigan

President

Open Issues and Discussion Items:

- Welcome to our new Education Director Danielle Nista!
 - Attack on the U.S. capitol: Advocacy - how to respond
 - Patricia: [American Library Association \(ALA\)](#) and [American Historical Association \(AHA\)](#) have published statements; we can look at those for guidance. Patricia will start a Google doc draft for the board to edit/review by the end of next week.
 - Promoting information literacy initiatives on our website?
 - [Results of Archival Emergency Fund survey](#) (conducted in the summer). Should we do a survey of archivists in NYC, too?
 - Interest in setting up an internship scholarship like the one that the Society of Northwest Archivists has.
 - 2020 outstanding items
 - PO Box: Loop in Amye and Ashton on any inquiries/emails you receive regarding the ART PO Box.
 - Awards from New York Archives Week have not gone out yet – will be following up on those this week.
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Outreach

Open Issues and Discussion Items:

- Collaborate with Membership to do an outreach/new member/emerging archivists event in the spring.
 - Event that presents on a specific topic (i.e. how to write a strong resume, misinformation in the archives, etc.)
 - Follow up on payment for AEI event during New York Archives Week.
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Past President

Open Issues and Discussion Items:

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Vice President

Open Issues and Discussion Items:

- Website things - proposal to have some meetings together to learn/review how to use Wild Apricot.
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Treasurer

Open Issues and Discussion Items:

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Advocacy

Open Issues and Discussion Items:

- Formation of an ART writing group? Could be collaborative among the ART committees. This idea comes from Advocacy Committee/ART member Hallel Yadin. Just want to see if there is ART Board interest in this idea.
 - ART support of the PAST Act (Promoting Accountability and Security in Transition Act) concerning presidential records?
[https://www.murphy.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/PAST%20Act%20statements%20of%20support%20\(002\).pdf](https://www.murphy.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/PAST%20Act%20statements%20of%20support%20(002).pdf)
<https://www.murphy.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/PAST%20Act%2012-16.pdf>
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Education

Open Issues and Discussion Items:

- Current plan: familiarize, connect, act
 - Familiarize - reviewing existing documentation, email account, group norms, what work has been done so far
 - Connect - reach out to and convene Education Committee, find ways to connect to members to understand what types of educational opportunities they would like to see
 - Act - plan with committee and bring ideas/schedule to ART Board, implement
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Publications

Open Issues and Discussion Items:

- Need to build more of a committee this year
 - Planning Winter issue:
 - More writing focused on advocacy?
 - Theme ideas related to hibernation and money/the economics of our industry.
 - Outdoor exhibition to check out in NYC: MONUMENTS NOW at Socrates Sculpture Park.
 - Details about online programming surrounding the exhibit:
<https://socratessculpturepark.org/programs/events/>
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Communications

Open Issues and Discussion Items:

- Social Media Metrics ~4 announcements / posts this month
 - Twitter: 4,212 (+ 9) followers ; 3,187 interactions with posts
 - Instagram: 729 (+39) followers ; 1,355 interactions with posts
 - Linktree received 227 visits (+37 from last month) ; they also changed the way they report data, so now we can see how many 'clicks' we get (110 clicks this month).
 - Facebook
 - Group: 614 (+ 5) ; no data
 - Page: 724 (+1) ; 62 interactions with posts
 - LinkedIn: 951 (+4) followers ; no data
- Spotighting stories from Metropolitan Archivist went really well, garnered some of the most attention we've had on our SM platforms (posts about Megan's



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interview & Nicholas's review received more attention than any posts we've ever made)

Programming

Open Issues and Discussion Items:

- Currently collecting articles for reading group, focusing on social justice-minded archiving
 - Idea to work with the Advocacy group on programming involving the proposed writing group
 - Event with the Los Angeles Archivists Collective (LAAC) and ART -- something we can do in February?
 - Holiday party in December: raised \$340 in donations, for the SAA Archival Workers Emergency Fund.
 - Planning upcoming film series. Screening + Q&A format? Ability to chat while watching the film? Megan will start compiling a list of films; anyone is welcome to send along ideas.
 - Places that have done screenings that people have liked/potential partners: IndieCollect, Metrograph, Bay Area Video Coalition (BAVC), Anthology Film Archives
 - Has anyone done virtual gallery tours?
 - Patricia has done virtual walking tours, one with the Bowery Boys around Greenwich Village, connecting musical history.
<https://www.boweryboyswalks.com/>
 - Colleen did a virtual tour about Broadway theaters:
<https://www.broadwayupclose.com>
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Membership

Open Issues and Discussion Items:

- Membership Report:
 - Friend of ART: **Total 17; Active 12**
 - Honorary membership: **Total 10; Active 10; Renewal overdue 8**
 - Regular: **Total 283; Active 219; Renewal Overdue 52**
 - New in last 30 days: 4
 - Sponsorship: **Total 14; Active 13; Renewal Overdue 1**
 - New in last 30 days: 1
 - Student: **Total 139; Active 61; Renewal Over 12;**
 - New in Last 30 days: 5
 - Sustaining: **Total 5; Active 3; Renewal Over 2;**
 - TOTAL: 468, **Active 318; Renewal 80**
- P.O. Box Issues - 2 people have emailed about mail being returned to sender
 - Can go to the Post Office again, but will need the President there



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- Can adjust website language to encourage people to use the digital form rather than mailing it in
 - Want to touch base with Mentors, not sure the proper format would love any ideas
 - Mentorship Program ends at the end of March, Starting to line up plans about people still interested and opening applications.
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Secretary

Open Issues and Discussion Items:

- Can still assist with editing any panels/discussions/events from New York Archives Week
- Can also help with Wild Apricot trainings/creating documentation and guides around that, and also will find out if we are able to get any technical support from Wild Apricot with our current subscription