

Advocacy Committee Supports the Founding of Archivists Without Borders - U.S. Chapter

The Advocacy Committee of the Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York, Inc. supports the efforts of the [Archivists Without Borders – U.S. Chapter \(AwB-US\)](#) working group to bring a chapter of the international [Archivists Without Borders](#) organization to the United States.

The Advocacy Committee has written the following letter of support to AwB-US, offering to act as a local resource and contact point for the New York City archives community:

August 14, 2012

Dear Archivists without Borders, U.S. Chapter:

The Advocacy Committee of the Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York, Inc. would like to commend you on your initiative to introduce a chapter of Archivists Without Borders (AwB) to the United States. We agree that it is important to advocate for the historic record and believe that the political, economic, and environmental factors that endanger the historic record are universal. We agree that the AwB goals to “work in countries whose documentary heritage is in danger of disappearing or of suffering irreversible damage, with particular emphasis on the protection of human rights” absolutely extend to the United States, and we welcome your efforts.

The Advocacy Committee of the Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York, Inc. would like to offer our support to the newly founded U.S. Chapter of Archivists without Borders (AwB-US). We can serve as a local resource and contact point for the New York City archives community, should that need arise. The mission of the Advocacy Committee is to advocate for the preservation and increased use of historical materials, and influence policy decisions that affect the archives profession. The Committee works to identify significant issues facing archivists at national and regional levels.

We believe the shared concerns of the Advocacy Committee and AwB-US present both organizations with opportunities for fruitful collaboration, and we hope we can provide resources as necessary to support our common goals.

More information about the Advocacy Committee can be found by visiting: http://www.nycarchivists.org/advocacy_committee.

We look forward to working together.

Sincerely,

The Advocacy Committee of the Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York, Inc.

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Letter of Support to the Archivists Without Borders – U.S. Chapter.](#)**

Call to Action

ART members are encouraged to [review the final version of the proposal to establish Archivists without Borders – U.S. Chapter.](#) Voting to adopt the proposal is open through the end of the day on September 16th.