SIG ACTIVITIES REPORT

SIG: AH
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Budget Fiscal Year: Oct 2012-Sept 2013

Current Chair: Mary Ann Harlan
Other Officers: Sarah Buchanan, Past Chair

Sig-of-the-Year Award consideration? YES

1. Did your SIG hold a planning meeting at the last annual meeting? YES

2. Who represented your SIG at the SIG Cabinet meeting at the last AM?
Mary Ann Harlan

3. Who attended the All SIGs Planning Lunch at the last AM?
Mary Ann Harlan

4. Names of New Leaders of your SIG that may be interested in getting involved in other areas of ASIS&T:
Mary Ann Harlan, Sarah Buchanan, and all AH members are recommended to serve

5. Describe any efforts your SIG made especially designed to recruit new members or retain members (e.g., welcome letters, calls or visits, etc.):
SIG AH participated in SIG activities at ASIST in Baltimore. Attendance at SIG reception was limited. And the SIG meeting was attended by one person who was encouraged to join the SIG. A follow up email to that member was not responded to. Prior to this, we distributed a call for officer nominations via sigah-l on Oct. 1. We did not receive any nominations, and planned to affirm officers at the AM. Mary Ann Harlan attended the SIG AH business meeting on Mon., October 29, 2012, 5-6pm, at Calloway B, Hilton Baltimore. Unfortunately, there was no other turnout at our meeting due to the severe impact of Superstorm Sandy on both ground and flight transportation in Baltimore. Following submission of our AH budget to SIG Cabinet in February, we began work on a SIG AH newsletter and Sarah Buchanan spoke with Karen Markey, Ralph Dumain, Ellen Sleeter, and Joseph Busch (all past SIG AH Chairs) to encourage them to contribute to this activity.

6. What programs, including those presented at the ASIS&T Annual Meeting, did your SIG sponsor or cosponsor during the fiscal year? (e.g., continuing education programs, regional meetings, promotional activities for your SIG or ASIS&T, career guidance, ongoing services, etc.). Please list the name of the program, speakers involved, date and location, estimated attendance, revenue and expenses, a brief description of each program, and other participating organization or ASIS&T units, if applicable.
SIG AH, represented by Chair Mary Ann Harlan, participated in many events at the Baltimore AM and alerted ASIST attendees and members to SIGAH's scope and opportunities. 1. We prepared and presented a PowerPoint slide on SIG AH at the New Members and First Conference Brunch (speaker: Mary Ann Harlan, date: 10/28/12, location: Hilton Baltimore, host ASIST unit: Rong Tang of Membership Committee). 2. We spoke with attendees at the Welcome Reception / SIG Rush (estimated attendance: the Dec/Jan Bulletin "Inside" stated that overall AM attendance was about 581 people, so about this number). 3. Mary Ann Harlan also represented SIG AH at the SIG Cabinet meeting 2012, where SIG AH was recognized with the SIG Publication of the Year award; Sarah Buchanan was also elected a SIG Cabinet Advisor. SIG AH budgeted $270 of its $405 FY12 budget towards co-sponsoring the 75th Anniversary History Pre-Conference (we are unsure if these funds were distributed). 4. At the 2012 AM, scheduled sessions related to arts & humanities included "Preserving Image-Based Cultural Heritage," "Humanistic Information Science," "New Directions for 21st Century Digital Collections," and
"Exploring Alternative Cyberbibliometrics for Evaluation of Scholarly Performance in the Social Sciences and Humanities in Taiwan," as well as the daylong History Pre-Conference. 5. This year, at least two ASIST Webinars were presented matching SIG AH's scope and member interests: "Current Best Practices in Digital Archiving Moving Image and Sound Assets" (Apr. 12, 2013) and "Challenges of Digital Media Preservation in an Active Archive" (May 15). We are in contact with HASTAC in regard to presenting a webinar. Mary Ann Harlan spoke to a HASTAC representative in March 2013 who suggested an interest in this possibility. In July a followup began to begin planning, however schedules at HASTAC as well as Sarah and Mary Ann's schedules have slowed this process. In regard to the newsletter our collaboration with Ralph Dumain remains particularly fruitful, as he has now reconstructed several unique materials from his service to SIG AH beginning in 1984.

7. Describe the publications your SIG produced during the activity period (e.g., newsletters, technical publications, pathfinders, joint publications, etc.). Briefly describe those publications here, indicate the publication frequency and intended audience, and enclose a copy of each publication (or provide the URL) with this report.

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8. Describe your SIG's participation in other noteworthy activities during the period (e.g., participation in a public effort, such as, legislative hearing, standards committee, representation at meetings of other organizations, etc.).

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9. Please include any other comments you would like to make about your SIG's activities during the period.

Thank you for your continuing support of SIG AH. We are pleased our membership has remained the same (86) from May 2012 to May 2013, though we hope more members will nominate to serve as officers this year. We also appreciate the efforts made this year at the SIG Cabinet level to clarify and streamline procedures and dates related to SIG activities: budget submission, report submission, applying for additional SIG funds, business meeting signup, committee nominations / elections, and AM reviewers / expertise. These will enable continuity from year-to-year. Thanks!