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Lone Arrangers Roundtable

Colleagues,

I hope your new year is off to a wonderful beginning. In a few months we will be gathering again as a roundtable at the SAA meeting. This year Nancy and I plan to structure our time together in a manner similar to the luncheons which were so popular in the past. We cannot organize easily a luncheon, but we can recreate what made those luncheons so meaningful for the "Lone Arranger."

We will be gathering together in small groups to discuss specific topics of interest to us all. As part of that process we will need a "scribe" for each group to take notes and provide a summary to be shared with all of us. We also need to know what topics are important to discuss-- what questions do you have, what problems do you face, what needs are most pressing in your operation.

We will organize our groups around the topics that you submit. Please send me your suggestions by **February 10** so Nancy and I can prepare a statement for the SAA program. Please do this now, before you read any further. E-mail it to rgasero@aol.com. Thanks.

Russell Gasero



February 2004

Lone Arranger Roundtable Annual Report

January 21, 2004

The Lone Arrangers Roundtable held an inaugural meeting at SAA in Los Angeles on August 21, 2003. Nancy Freeman was elected Chair with Russell Gasero as co-chair.

2003 was a building year: a time to elect officers and consider formats and direction for the Roundtable. The Roundtable will be making decisions in 2004 about what type of format works best for their annual meetings. By and large the membership prefers to have a loose, supportive structure to the Roundtable.

In 2003 an electronic membership list was created and information to members is disseminated by e-mails. In addition, ideas for a lone arrangers listserv or electronic newsletter are being considered.

The Roundtable sponsored a session proposal for the 2004 SAA Conference in Boston. The session, From One to All: Lessons from Solo Shops for All Archivists, was approved.

Respectfully Submitted: Nancy Freeman



If you have news to share or questions to raise for your colleagues. Send it to rgasero@aol.com and it will be included in this newsletter. Introduce yourself or your archives and share the news and expertise you've developed during your career.



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Be Counted!

Census of the Archival Profession to be Mailed in the Spring of 2004

Thanks to a \$247,932 grant funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), a comprehensive survey of the archival profession will be mailed to U.S. archivists in the Spring of 2004. *Be on the lookout so that you are counted in this unprecedented effort to gather baseline data about the archival profession.*

The goal of A*CENSUS (Archival Census and Education Needs Survey in the U.S.) is to define the universe of archivists currently in the workforce, determine the knowledge and skills they need to do their jobs now and in the future, and provide graduate and continuing education programs with data to support recruitment and training of new archivists.

The project will seek active participation from all archival associations in the U.S., as well as many organizations serving in closely allied fields whose members bear significant responsibility for historical records, including librarians, local historians, records managers, and museum curators.

The working group charged with developing and conducting the census began its deliberations about the scope and nature of this collaborative effort during its first meeting in Chicago, November 14-16. A broad range of archival interests are represented within the working group, including graduate archival education programs, continuing education programs, and the following national and regional organizations: Academy of Certified Archivists, Association of Moving Image Archivists, Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists, Council of State Historical Records Coordinators, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, Midwest Archives

Conference, National Archives and Records Administration/Modern Archives Institute, National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators, New England Archivists, Northwest Archivists, Inc., Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries, Society of American Archivists (SAA), Society of American Archivists Diversity Committee, Society of California Archivists, and Society of Southwest Archivists.

The census mailing list consists primarily of membership lists gathered from U.S. archival associations. If you work with archival material but are not a member of a local, state, or regional archival organization, contact the census project manager at acensus@archivists.org, with your name, institutional affiliation, mailing address, email address, and indicate how you heard about the census. Or, if you do not receive the census survey by April 1, 2004, please contact the census project manager at acensus@archivists.org. Archival and allied organizations are encouraged to publicize A*CENSUS in their newsletters, on Web sites, and at conferences because a key goal of the project is to reach anyone who self-identifies as an archivist.

Preliminary reports of the census findings should be available by the time of the Society of American Archivists annual meeting in Boston in August. A more comprehensive final report will be developed later in the year, and the data gathered will be shared broadly with participating organizations and interested individuals in the Spring of 2005. For more information, contact acensus@archivists.org or refer to www.archivists.org.

Program Session at 2004 SAA Meeting

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Russell Gasero, Commentator
Reformed Church in America

Nancy Freeman
National Wildlife Research Center
“Happiness Is a Lone Arranger: Health, Stress,
and Safety in the Solo Archives

Susan Pevar
Lincoln University
“Success as a Lone Arranger: Setting Priorities
and Getting the Job Done”

Susan Rishworth
American College of Surgeons
“Essential Lifelines for Lone Arrangers: Forming
Support Groups”

“Many hats on one head” describes the life of a solo archivist who needs to meet the needs of an institution and possess the expertise of multiple specialties. This session, applicable for all archivists, will present insights and practical solutions from “lone arrangers” relating to stress management, institutional “inreach,” and developing relationships with colleagues.



“Many hats on one head” describes the life of a solo archivist



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Mission Statement:

To provide education, stimulate communication, and encourage support between archivists working in “lone arranger” settings. The term “lone arranger” includes those working alone or in small staff situations where they are the only archivist.



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