

## **ACRL/RBMS - SAA Task Force on the Development of Standardized Statistical Measures for the Public Services of Archival Repositories and Special Collections Libraries**

### **ALA Midwinter Conference 2017, Atlanta, GA**

Sunday, January 22, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Location: Westin, Piedmont Room 2

**Members present:** Christian Dupont, ACRL/RBMS co-chair (Boston College), Amy Schindler, SAA co-chair (University of Nebraska, Omaha), Moira Fitzgerald (Yale University), Emilie Hardman (Harvard University), Gabriel Swift (Princeton), Bruce Tabb (University of Oregon)

**Members who joined via Skype:** Sarah Polirer (Cigna Corporation), Elizabeth Yakel (University of Michigan)

**Members who could not attend:** Tom Flynn (Winston-Salem State University), Brenda McClurkin (University of Texas, Arlington)

**Visitors:** Anne Bahde (Oregon State University), Sarah Horowitz (Haverford College), Kate Hutchens (University of Michigan), Petrina Jackson (Iowa State), Jocelyn Karlan (Harvard University), Sara Logue (Princeton University), Jeffrey Marshall (University of Vermont), Charlotte Priddle (NYU), Sarah Quimby (Minnesota Historical Society), Heather Smedberg (University of San Diego), Shannon Supple (UC Berkeley)

### **Meeting Minutes (Draft)**

The meeting was convened at 1:05pm. Task force members and visitors introduced themselves. Three task force members joined the meeting remotely via Skype. Hardman volunteered to take minutes.

Draft Version 2 of “Standardized Statistical Measures and Metrics for Public Services in Archival Repositories and Special Collections Libraries” is now open for comment through Friday, February 17, 2017. It has been posted on the RBMS website using the Digress.it plugin for WordPress to facilitate commenting on specific lines and paragraphs. It has also been posted to the task force’s microsite on the SAA website as an HTML document broken up into sections to permit blog-style commenting on each section. A PDF of the entire draft document can also be download from the SAA website.

Schindler added that she had secured free hosting for a live webinar about the draft standard through the Nebraska Library Commission. The webinar will be held on February 8, 2017, from 10:00am-11:00pm CST in the weekly NCompass Live series. Schindler encouraged task force members and attendees to help spread the word about the webinar and have people register for it. A recording of the webinar will be available shortly after the live broadcast for those who cannot attend.

Dupont and Schindler remarked that the task force is approaching the final stages of its work. Once the current comment period closes on February 17, members will work to integrate feedback into a final draft for submission to the RBMS Executive Committee and ACRL Standards Committee, followed by submission to the SAA Standards Committee and SAA Council for approval.

Dupont and Schindler noted that Draft Version 2 is a much lengthier document than Draft Version 1 because all of the domains and subsections were fleshed out to a consistent level of depth and because attempts were made to address all of the comments that were submitted in response to Draft Version 1. This led to an extended discussion about the several sections of the document that had been most heavily revised, which included the Introduction and the Reference Transactions, Instruction, and Collection Use domains. The discussion resulted in several suggestions for refining explanations given for some of the measures while at the same time reinforcing the appropriateness of the measures and overall approach of the document.

The final part of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of ideas for supporting the eventual implementation of the standard. Dupont and Hardman have been invited to conduct a half-day workshop on special collections assessment at the EBLIP (Evidence-based Library and Information Practice) conference, which will be held in Philadelphia on June 18-21. They will incorporate an orientation to the draft standard in their workshop curriculum. Other possibilities for promoting and supporting use of the standard that were discussed included proposing sessions at the 2018 RBMS and SAA annual conferences as well as regional archives conferences.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.