



## SIG Arts & Humanities (SIG AH) of ASIS&T

### Minutes of SIG AH Planning/Business Meeting

Monday, October 10, 2011, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Jackson Room, New Orleans Marriott

2011 ASIS&T Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA

### Agenda

The agenda was sent to Sigah-l on October 4 and comprised the following: Introductions of Attendees, Election Nominations and Actions, Chair's Report, Report from a SIG Cabinet member, New Business (SIG VIS outing, Web resources, 2012 AM session ideas), and Open Discussion.

### Attendees

The meeting was open to all attending ASIST; the following individuals signed in and introduced themselves: Sarah Buchanan (recorder, chair, sarahab@ucla.edu), Joan Beaudoin (joane.beaudoin@gmail.com), Mary Ann Harlan (maryann.harlan@gmail.com), Jahna Otterbacher (jotterba@iit.edu), Elizabeth Yeh (eyeh@lagunacollege.edu), Joseph Busch (jbusch@ppc.com), Eric Cook (ericcook@umich.edu), Chris Landbeck (clandbeck@gmail.com). Everyone received new SIG AH logo stickers (see above) and a copy of the AH meeting flyer.

### Election Nominations and Actions

Sarah Buchanan offered to remain as chair and treasurer for 2011-12 and this was confirmed by acclamation. She invited expressions of interest for officer positions, noting that the SIG had not had an official business meeting in a few years. Mary Ann Harlan, lecturer at San José State University, expressed and discussed her interest in the position of Chair-Elect. She was confirmed by acclamation. Liz Yeh, librarian at Laguna College of Art and Design, expressed and discussed her interest in the position of Information Officer. She was confirmed by acclamation. Other individuals offered to assist throughout the year.

### Chair's Report

Sarah Buchanan briefly discussed the Annual Report she submitted to the SIG Cabinet (after the Aug. 15 deadline for SIG of the Year). The report is posted at the SIG AH "Officers" webpage, which she updated a few times earlier this year. She mentioned the role of Sig-l in preparing for all SIG-related activities and requests (meeting times, ASIST programs, etc.).

The day before, Sunday, Sarah attended both the SIG Cabinet Meeting and the SIG Rush event at the Welcome Reception, representing SIG AH. The SIG has \$405 allocated for FY2012

and Sarah will submit further budget requests by the date of Dec. 1. This will request support for the following already planned activities:

- 1) 2012 SIG AH Planning Meeting in Baltimore,
- 2) ASIST Bulletin joint special issue by AH & VIS scheduled for April/May 2012 on digital humanities and information visualization,
- 3) 2012 AM 75th Pre-Conference "On the History of ASIST and Information Science and Technology" Co-Sponsorship with SIG HFIS,
- 4) Research Support for "SIG Histories at 75 Years" authors recruitment to present reviewed papers at 2012 Pre-Conference and/or ASIST 75th Website.

Sarah is also a member of the ASIST 75th Anniversary Task Force which met yesterday (during the Leadership Development program convened by Andrea Copeland, and thank you to Joseph Busch for representing SIG AH at the group round table). Sarah will be co-editing a special issue of the ASIST Bulletin on SIG AH-related topics, and helping coordinate the 2012 Pre-Conference (her focus is SIG and Chapter histories) during the year.

### **Report from SIG Cabinet member**

Chris Landbeck, Deputy SIG Cabinet Director, 2012-2014, addressed the SIG. Chris stated that ASIST members can join +1 SIG for \$10. The SIG Cabinet is very excited about webinars and they invite members to propose topics. The process is simple: submit an abstract to the ASIST Education Committee for a 1-1.5-hour webinar. Webinars reach a broader audience, they are archived, and they are a benefit of membership - for example if you want 4-5 webinars it is beneficial to join ASIST. There was discussion of treating webinars as publications for SIG Publication of the Year. Other ideas discussed at SIG Cabinet yesterday were special SIG issues of the Bulletin and program sessions at ASIST.

### **New Business and Open Discussion**

Joan Beaudoin, SIG VIS chair, mentioned that members can also submit Bulletin articles year-round. She gave some examples of uses of SIG funds, e.g. widgets, presentation, or research expenses (not travel, food, or honoraria).

Mary Ann Harlan discussed the topic of "What is Digital Humanities" for a webinar. We could also plan a webinar with HASTAC Scholars. We could also organize paper awards and present as a webinar.

On the topics of history and arts and humanities, Joseph Busch discussed new media and the emergence of visualization; he and Corinne Jörgensen founded SIG VIS in 1994. Joseph said he and SIG Metrics shared a table at yesterday's program; all interests are connected in ASIST!

We had a good discussion on topics such as visual analytics of humanities data, and a new visualization program at Maryland Institute College of Art. We discussed a call to our listserv for ideas for panels, webinars, and/or Bulletin articles related to SIG AH's scope.

Members were invited to an informal outing with SIG VIS. Members met after Monday's Posters Reception and talked at the International Reception as well.